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THE KING'S DEATH SHOCKS THE WORLD

HOW THE QUEEN HEARD THE NEWS

Sandringham, Feb. 6.
The death of the King was discovered by a man servant who had been given orders to wake him early this morning, according to reports from Sandringham Estate employees here tonight.

The servant at once called Court officials and the news was then broken to Queen Elizabeth. The Queen went immediately to her husband's bed-chamber. Greeting her self-control as she looked down at him, she did not weep, according to the local reports.

She kissed the forehead of the dead King, then, straightening up, she is reported to have said: "We must tell Elizabeth. We must tell." she hesitated, then added "the Queen."

Watchers keeping vigil tonight outside the gates of Sandringham House, country home of the Royal Family, saw a lone light shine from a window in the north wing of the sprawling mansion, where the King lay dead.

BLINDS DRAWN

It was the only sign of life in the house of mourning.

White blinds were drawn tightly over the other windows. A solitary policeman kept guard outside the black wrought-iron gates, keeping newsmen and cameramen from prying too far into the grounds.

Police guarded other entrances through the lichen-covered walls surrounding the 200-acre estate. Inside the red brick house itself, Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and her daughter, Margaret, sat in mourning.

The villagers here were dry-eyed tonight and kept their sadness pent inside. Most of the local inhabitants had known the King since he was a shy child who used to come here on holiday with his father.

Their first news that he was dead came from radio bulletins though they live on the fringes of the estate.—Reuter.

Flight Home Started

Nairobi, Feb. 6.
Queen Elizabeth II and the Prince Consort took off by plane for London from Entebbe in Uganda at 6.07 p.m. local time.

The Queen will be welcomed at London airport on arrival by her uncle, the Duke of Gloucester and Prime Minister Winston Churchill. It was officially announced here tonight.

Other officials on hand to greet the Queen will be the Lord President of the Council, Lord Woolton, Foreign Secretary Mr. Anthony Eden, the Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. W. S. Morrison, the Speaker of the House of Lords, the Marquis of Salisbury, the opposition leader, Mr. Clement Attlee.

A communique issued by No. 10 Downing Street tonight requested the public not to go to the airport so that the Queen will return home as quiet as possible. —France-Press.

Windsor Sailing For London

New York, Feb. 6.

The Duke of Windsor will sail on Thursday night for England to attend the funeral of the late monarch. His secretary made the announcement.

It was not revealed whether the Duchess would accompany him.

The Duke's secretary issued this statement:

"The Duke of Windsor has spoken to the Private Secretary at Buckingham Palace by telephone, and his Royal Highness is sailing for Great Britain on the Queen Mary on Thursday night to attend King George's funeral."

The King's sister-in-law, the Duchess of Kent, arrived tonight at Northolt airport from Munich where she was staying at the home of her sister.—Associated Press and France-Press.

Women Sob In Grief Outside The Palace CONDOLENCES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNIVERSE

London, Feb. 6.

The news of the death of His Majesty the King shocked and stunned not only the British nation and peoples throughout the British Commonwealth and Empire but also cast a pall of gloom over the Free World—for among his own people the King was deeply loved while throughout the world he was highly esteemed by many and respected by all both as a Sovereign and as a man.

As the sad news spread through London men doffed their hats, flags were lowered to half-mast and many women openly wept—because theirs was a memory of a King courageous and self-sacrificing in duty, of a King with a warm heart who had shared with them the perils, sufferings and sorrows of war and the austerities of daily life.

Near Buckingham Palace a woman knelt with bowed head to pray and passers-by paused to link themselves with this striking symbol of a common and universal sorrow.

The King was dead but obviously not in the hearts of the people whom he had ruled and who loved him.

The news of the death of His Majesty came with particularly stunning force because people had believed that he was recovering from an operation which he underwent on September 23, when a surgeon cut away part of a lung.

As the tidings reached British homes through the BBC, housewives dashed to tell their neighbors, while everywhere in the land conferences and meetings were halted.

Dense crowds flocked to Buckingham Palace, gazing at the gray stone building where they had kept vigil after the King's operation last year. Only sobs from women broke the silence.

Into the Palace streamed messengers and couriers, bringing condolences from civil and overseas dignitaries.

Extra police took up duty outside the gates to control the crowd which stood gravely in the cold.

Policemen at the gate were continuously questioned: "Is it true?"—and they nodded their heads silently in reply.

Flags dipped to half-mast at all naval posts. Horse and greyhound racing were cancelled. Hotels abandoned music, concert and dancing, and the Lord Chamberlain announced that cinemas under his control would be closed.

At street corners queues formed to buy copies of the evening papers. Supplies soon were sold out and people in the streets crowded round to read. Telephone exchanges were congested by incoming cables, many switchboards in the city and newspaper offices were closed down temporarily for outward calls.

Profound Grief

Profound grief also spread over a large part of the world today as news spread of the death of Britain's King.

It expressed itself in shocked accents of sorrow and affection from the heads of State and common folk alike.

Throughout the world the routine of governments was interrupted, diplomatic and social activities cancelled.

Flags drooped at half mast and the people of scores of nationalities went about their business with an air of deep sadness; some prayed publicly.

Early messages of "deep sympathy" were sent to the Royal Family by President Truman, by M. Vincent Auriol, the French President and by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Cables from the capitals gave the following pictures of the scenes of mourning:

Cairo: Cairo Radio broadcast bulletins on the King's death in both English and French during the busy luncheon hour. A French announcement was interrupted to give the official announcement.

House Adjourns

Capetown: Dr. Malan moved the adjournment of the House. He moved as an unopposed motion, that an address be presented to Queen Elizabeth expressing the "sincere and respectful sympathy" of the House on behalf of the people of South Africa.

Singapore: Sir Franklin Gimson, the Governor, called to the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, on behalf of the people of Singapore a request to "submit to Her Majesty the Queen and all members of the Royal Family our sincere and loyal expression of sympathy on the death of our beloved monarch, King George VI." For generations to come his high honors will be a source of inspiration not only to us in Singapore but to all his people throughout the Commonwealth and to their friends throughout the world.

Condolences on behalf of "their Highnesses the rulers and all the people of the Federation of Malaya" were sent to Mr. Lyttelton to convey to the Royal Family by Mr. M. V. del Tufo, Officer Administering the Government of Malaya.

Hongkong: The Colony's Governor, Sir Alexander Gran-

tham, sent a message to Mr. Lyttelton expressing the "profound sorrow of the people of Hongkong."

Deep Sorrow

Colombo: The Ceylonese Prime Minister, Mr. Don Stephen Senanayake, said, "The people of Ceylon heard the news with deep sorrow at a time when they were putting the finishing touches to their preparations to receive their Royal Highnesses, the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh."

Paris: The United Nations Security Council stood for a minute in silent honour.

Oslo: King Haakon paid a visit of condolence to the British Embassy. King Haakon was King George's uncle, Queen Maud, who died in 1938, was the third daughter of King Edward VII.

Copenhagen: The Danish Royal Court will go into mourning for three weeks. King Frederik has sent a personal message of condolence to Queen Elizabeth on behalf of himself and Queen Ingrid.

Rome: Pope Pius XII, "deeply moved," prepared a message of condolence to the new Queen and to Queen Mother Elizabeth. The Italian Prime Minister, M. Alcide de Gasperi, said that it was a personal blow.—Reuter.

Flags Lowered

London, Feb. 6.

Flags throughout the world were lowered to half-mast today at the news of the death of King George VI.

In Paris: United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie ordered the lowering of the flags of the world organization's 50 nations who yesterday concluded their sixth general assembly.

Mr. Lie sent a telegram to British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden expressing his "profound sorrow" at the monarch's death.

At General Dwight D. Eisenhower's Headquarters flags of the Atlantic Pact nations were lowered as soon as the news was received. The General cancelled a cocktail party which was scheduled for correspondents tonight.

In the West: German capital of Bonn flags were lowered on all public buildings. News of the King's death interrupted Chancellor Konrad Adenauer at a meeting at the Chancellery.

In Berlin the Russians notified the Western Powers they would like to join in lowering flags, out of respect to the dead King.

The Soviet Control Commission sent word to American, British, and French authorities that they were willing "to do the Red flag which flies with those of the Western nations over the United Allied Control Authority Headquarters."

Deeply Shocked

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands was "deeply shocked," her secretary at the Palace said. Dutch Broadcasting System interrupted a programme of light music to announce the King's death last night, Oct. 3.



ELIZABETH PROCLAIMED THE NEW MONARCH

London, Feb. 6.

The Grand Accession Privy Council, body of advisers to the Throne, tonight formally accepted Elizabeth as the new Monarch. The Council met at St James' Palace to draft a Proclamation which will be read throughout the land.

OATH OF FIDELITY

London, Feb. 6.

The House of Commons and the House of Lords held a special session tonight to permit Deputies and Peers to take the oath of fidelity to Queen Elizabeth II of England, Ireland, and the Dominions.

The House of Commons was full. Ministers and former ministers had gathered behind the speaker's chair. At 7.00 p.m. sharp, the speaker entered. The Secretary of the House, in wig and black 18th century costume, handed him a bible. In strong voice, the speaker read the oath.

Shortly afterward, Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden repeated the oath, followed by all ministers and opposition leaders. The oath-taking ceremony was to continue tomorrow and Friday. A similar ceremony was taking place at the same time in the House of Lords.—France-Press.

The Proclamation bears well over 100 signatures, including that of the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, members of his Cabinet and members of the Parliamentary Opposition who are Privy Counsellors.

All the Commonwealth High Commissioners were asked to attend and sign the Proclamation—though they are not members of the Privy Council.

The Royal Proclamation announcing Elizabeth's accession to the Throne, confirmed by the Privy Council tonight, stated:

"We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here assembled with the Council, with representatives of other members of the Commonwealth, with other principal gentlemen of quality, with the Lord Mayor, aldermen and citizens of London do now hereby with one voice and consent of tongue and heart publish and proclaim that the high and mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary is now by the death of our late Sovereign King George VI of blessed and glorious memory by whose demise the Crown is solely and rightfully come to the high and mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary."

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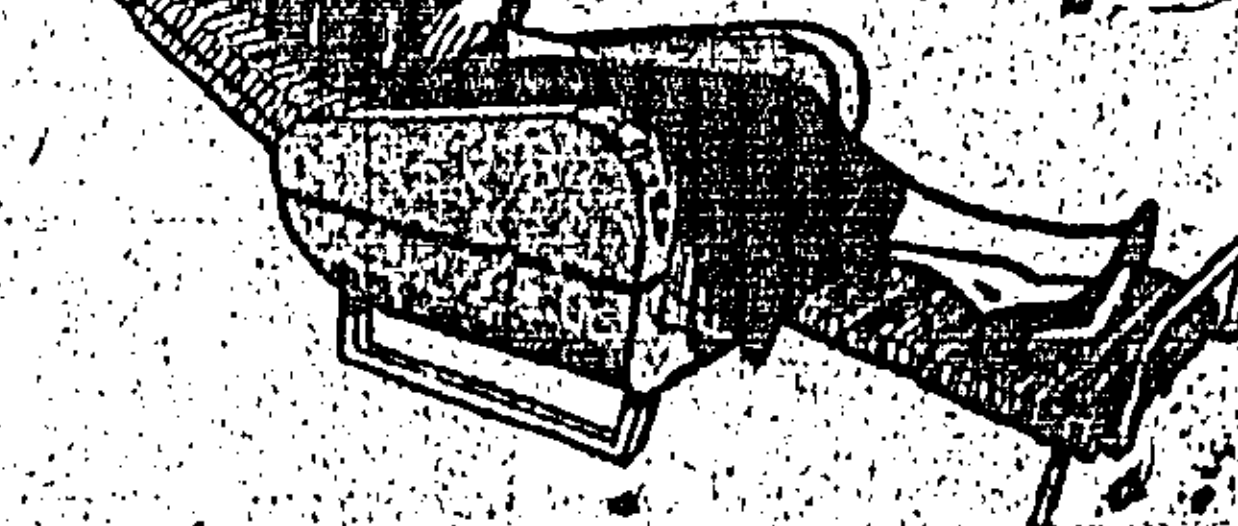
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Death Of A Great King

THE death of His Majesty King George VI is a grievous loss to the whole of the civilised world. Hongkong joins the rest of the British Commonwealth in mourning the passing of a great monarch: a man who dedicated his life to the welfare and interests of a nation and a family of nations; a man who, although called to a high estate of duty through unhappy circumstances, by his wisdom, knowledge, understanding and devotion, fulfilled that calling in a manner unsurpassed by any other King of England. King George VI was a family man; a person of simple tastes who appreciated fully the value of family life. Pomposity and ostentation were not of his making, and because of this and the close and constant manner in which he identified himself with the daily lives of his people he won the affection as well as the loyalty and admiration of his subjects at home and overseas. It fell to King George VI to rule England during some of the darkest and most dangerous years in her history. He never wavered from his high purpose, never faltered in his duty to the nation, always remained a monarch in close touch with his people. He willingly shared their sorrows and their tribulations and set an inspiring example of calm leadership. His Christmas broadcasts to the whole Commonwealth will never be forgotten; always did he emphasize the essential qualities of family unity and the brotherhood of man. Moreover he gave substance to those sentiments by living example. Hongkong, through His Excellency the Governor, has expressed its sorrow at the passing of a memorable and courageous King. At the same time thoughts turn to all the members of the Royal family in this time of grief. Today, according to

ancient custom, Princess Elizabeth has been proclaimed Queen of England, yet it is well to recollect that at this sombre moment the late King's heir and eldest daughter, together with her husband, Prince Philip, were carrying out royal duties overseas. Nothing could more vividly illustrate the devotion of the royal family to its high and exacting duties. It is this which underscores one of the greatest qualities of the British monarchy—that duty comes before self. It is a way of life which, if followed more widely, would bring more lasting happiness to the world generally. Today the people of Hongkong join the rest of the Commonwealth in paying humble tribute to a King whose name and life will be cherished by posterity. We have lost a beloved monarch. But thoughts also turn with sympathy and trust to Queen Elizabeth who now assumes the highest of royal responsibilities. She has already manifested that she is endowed with wisdom and understanding. At this sad moment she has at her side to sustain her in a great ordeal those who are near and dear; she possesses also the devotion of millions of loyal subjects who desire above all to be able to relieve her of her sorrow and to lighten her anxieties. She comes to the throne at a time when international relations are taut and world peace anything but assured; her responsibilities, like those of the late King, are heavy. Nevertheless, Queen Elizabeth can feel sustained by the knowledge that she is offered the affectionate devotion of a vast concord of loyal subjects whose willing duty it is to ensure that the peace of the world is maintained and the British Commonwealth of Nations, of which the Queen is the head, is preserved.

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Acheson's Views On Germany

Washington, Feb. 6. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean M. Acheson told his weekly press conference today that contractual agreements with the Western German Government will become effective only after the establishment of a European defence pool.

He also confirmed that the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, had invited him to London as well as the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, to discuss German affairs prior to the holding of the Lisbon NATO conference.

Mr. Acheson stated that the three Western Ministers could not so far determine whether their talks would reach a stage which would permit useful conversations with Dr. Adenauer. He said that if the three Western Ministers had no particular agreement to conclude with Dr. Adenauer, there was no point in the latter coming to London.

Mr. Acheson hoped each of the Atlantic Allies would make known at the forthcoming NATO Council meeting at London what its contribution to the joint defence effort will be.

DEPUTIES PREPARE

Such commitments would be definite for 1952 but subject to review and possible revision each succeeding year.

Mr. Acheson hoped Greece and Turkey would be able to take part in the Lisbon meeting, starting Feb. 10, as full members instead of merely as observers.

Several legal steps have yet to be taken, particularly by the United States, France, Belgium and Italy, before their membership becomes effective.

In London, the North Atlantic deputies, preparing for the Lisbon NATO Council meeting in 10 days' time, today heard reports from Council members on the prospects of agreement at Lisbon on the establishment of a European Army containing German troops.

They also worked on plans for reorganisation of the Atlantic Treaty Organisation. They are expected to meet again tomorrow and on Friday before moving to Lisbon. — France-Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

Hundred Still At Large

Manila, Feb. 6. An Army spokesman said today that there might be about 100 Japanese armed forces personnel who are still at large in the Philippines and that the Government's policy is to seek their peaceful surrender.

The spokesman said, "Our policy is not to liquidate them, and that is why we recently dropped surrender leaflets on Lubang Island where four of them were sighted."

Lubang Island is north of Mindoro Island where eight other Japanese soldiers were reported to have been seen yesterday. — United Press.

Lining Up For Poll In Calcutta



The first general elections held in independent India are nearly over and have met with a big response from the population. Here is a typical scene outside a polling booth in Calcutta, showing the long line of voters waiting to record their vote. — Express Service.

Masked Witness Tells Story Of Katyn Massacre

Washington, Feb. 6. A masked 44-year-old Pole today testified that he saw Russian soldiers murder 200 Polish officers in the Katyn Forest near Smolensk in October 1939.

Most of the group were shot in the back of the head, the masked witness told a special House Committee. The others were dumped into a mass grave, still alive but strangling on the sawdust shoved into their mouths.

He said he and two others hidden nearby watched as the captured Polish officers were forced to the edge of the big ditch that became their mass grave.

"There were 200, because we counted them," he said through an interpreter.

The witness' features were concealed by a small pillow-case to protect him from Communist "vengeance." He testified before the special House Committee on the massacre of an estimated 10,000 Polish officers at Katyn.

Told in Polish, the mystery man's story was relayed to the Committee by an interpreter.

The witness said he was a 44-year-old Pole and was now a farmer in the United States. He told of escaping, with a priest and another prisoner, from a Russian prison camp and making his way to the Katyn Forest.

CLIMBED TREE

He said the priest suggested going to Katyn, where they heard, prisoners were slaughtered, so that "if we survive, we can tell the world what is happening here."

The witness said the priest "wanted to see if I were true and wanted to get the facts." He said they climbed a tree and saw four Russian soldiers leading two Polish officers to the edge of a pit.

"No" By Russia Bars Italy

Paris, Feb. 6. The Soviet Union today vetoed the admission of Italy to the United Nations.

The French resolution before the Security Council proposing Italy's admission received 10 votes for one against — that of Russia, which constituted a veto of the resolution. — France-Press.

Turkey Has 350,000 Under Arms

Washington, Feb. 6. Senator Spessard Holland (Democrat) today revealed that Turkey has a standing army of 350,000 men and Greece has approximately 200,000 men under arms.

Mr. Holland told the Senate that he had just been given that information by the Defence Department. He rose to place the data in the record after Senator Guy Gillette (Democrat) had opened the debate on reconsideration of ratification of the Greco-Turkish protocol.

Senator Holland said the Turkish military figure was made up of three groups of 20 infantry and six armoured divisions and the Greek Army consisted of 10 divisions. He added that both countries had a number of trained reservists.

Senator Gillette said he appreciated the value of the contribution which would be made by Greece and Turkey as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and that it was that argument which "far outweighed" the qualms he had about extending the United States' area of commitment to the Eastern Mediterranean.

He had abstained from voting in Committee on the protocol but was now heartily in favour of it. His Senate action was taken principally because he believed it was a "bad commentary on the Senate to adopt a matter of such vast import with only six members present."

The number of Senators present during Senator Gillette's speech on the protocol varied from a low of 15 to a high of 25. — United Press.

Plane Crashes In Bog

London, Feb. 6. Lieutenant - Commander Robert Malcolm Orr-Ewing, pilot of the Attacker jet aircraft which crashed yesterday near Andover, Hants, has been posted as "missing, presumed killed," the Admiralty announced today.

The plane, one of the latest types of single-seater jets, vanished completely after diving into a peat bog near the main Andover-Stoeckbridge road.

Commander Orr-Ewing was stationed at Boscombe Down. He was 31 and a naval test pilot at the aeronautical experimental establishment at Boscombe Down. He served for two years during the war in the aircraft carrier Colossus. — Reuter.

Korea Casualties

Washington, Feb. 6. American battle casualties in Korea through last Friday total 108,271, an increase of 270 over last week's report, the Defence Department reported. It was one of the smallest increases reported by the Department for many months. — United Press.

Giant Steel Foundries Being Built

Vienna, Feb. 7. Slap up against the Russian border, under the Kremlin's watchful eye, Czechoslovakia is building a brand new, several million dollar iron and steel industry.

According to the Communist Press, work already is under way on a huge complex of foundries and rolling mills near Kosice in forested East Slovakia — a mountain area hitherto largely agricultural and industrially undeveloped.

The Communist Government hopes to make its new "Huko" combine the foundation stone for a huge new mountain-protected industrial region.

The Communist Press predicts that by 1955 the combine will be turning out 1,000,000 tons of iron and steel a year. That is more iron and steel than neighbouring Austria now produces with a huge iron-ore mine.

In 1948, Czechoslovakia produced 4,300,000 tons of steel and pig iron. — Associated Press.

Aid For Indo-China

Washington, Feb. 6. The Mutual Security Agency today allocated Indo-China \$1,250,000 for American raw cotton and technical assistance. — Associated Press.

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Canberra Dilemma On Japan

CASEY EXPLAINS SITUATION

Canberra, Feb. 6. The External Affairs Minister, Mr. Richard G. Casey, told Parliament today that Australia faced a dilemma over Japan: it had to consider the alternative perils of a fully rearmament Japan and a Japan in Communist hands.

He was speaking in the second reading of the Government bill for the ratification of the Japanese peace treaty signed at San Francisco on September 8 last year.

But, he added, Australia was at the moment faced with a "much more pressing and immediate danger than Japan is likely to be for many years to come."

"Having in mind the progress that the Communists have made in Asia in the past few years, it does not require much imagination to consider the threat that they could be to South-East Asia, Australia and the other democracies bordering the Pacific, if they get the industrial resources of Japan," he said.

It was important to prevent Japan from falling under Communist domination and thereby becoming an active partner in the campaign to subvert the whole of Asia as a preliminary to attacking Australia, Mr. Casey said.

The most important provision of the treaty was the recognition that Japan as a sovereign nation had the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence.

It said that Australia and New Zealand at San Francisco had called for specific limitations on Japanese naval armaments and long-range aircraft, "but we do not oppose some re-establishment of Japanese defence forces."—Reuter.

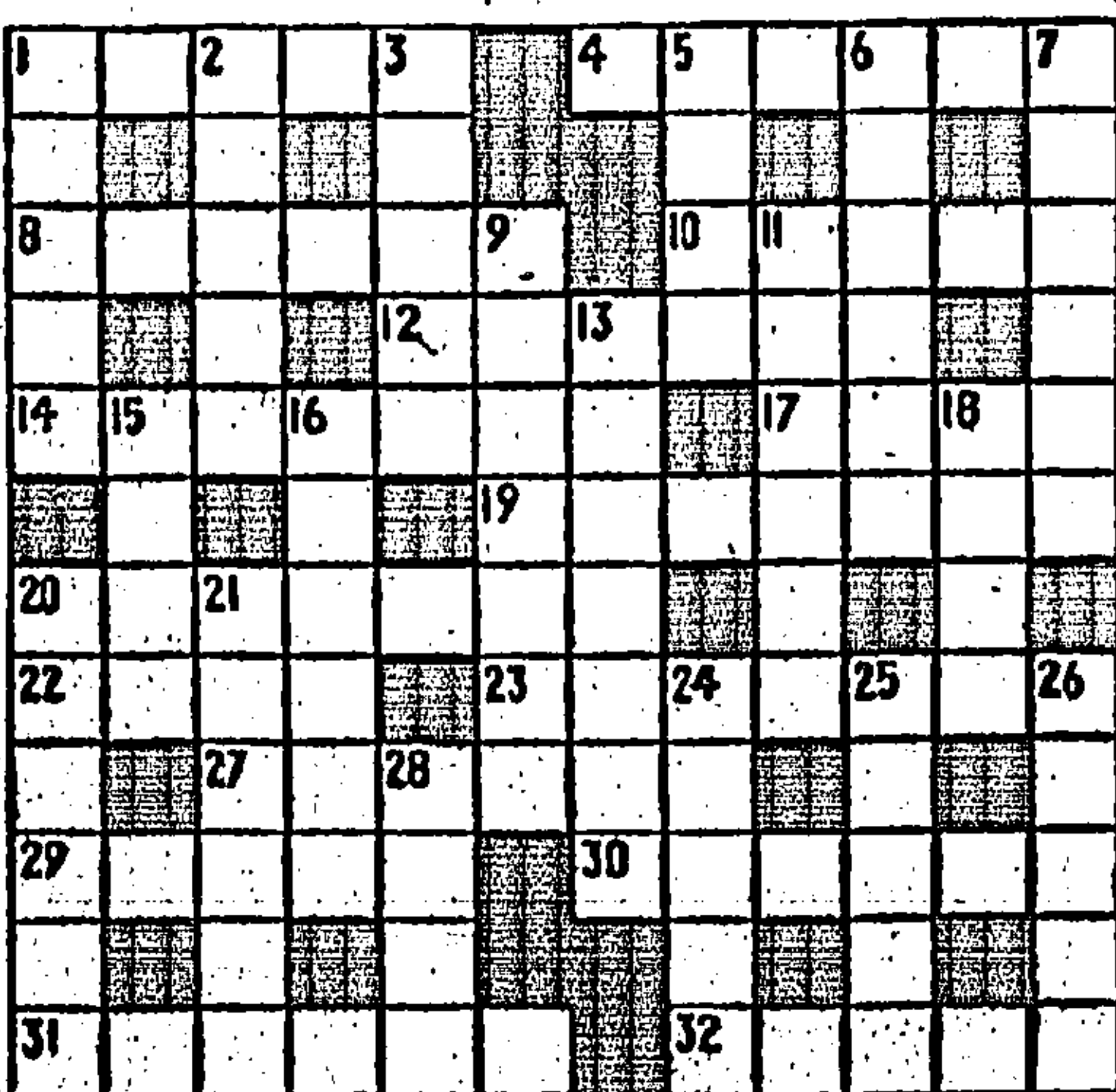
Problem To Be Shelved

Canberra, Feb. 6. The External Affairs Minister, Mr. Richard G. Casey, said today that the question of the control of Dutch New Guinea should be put into "cold storage" until more urgent problems in the area were considered.

He had made it clear to the Indonesians that this was the Australian Government's firm view, he added.

"It is difficult for us to understand the reiterated claim of Indonesia to sovereignty over Dutch New Guinea, particularly as it is clear that the Indonesian Government has a wide range of grave economic and security problems to solve in its present territory," Mr. Casey said.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Duties (5).
 - Used in cricket (6).
 - Kind of cement (6).
 - Famous composer (5).
 - Teatime (4).
 - Exhaust (7).
 - Mouthful of liquid (4).
 - Narrow neck of land (7).
 - Laick (7).
 - One (4).
 - Rare (7).
 - Doctrines (6).
 - Harden (5).
 - Blind (6).
 - City (6).
 - Marsh plants (5).
- DOWN**
- Shy (5).
 - Fight (5).
 - Platform (5).
 - Abundant (4).
 - Large bottle (6).
 - Agent (6).
 - Train (7).
 - Flogs (6).
 - Feigns indignation about something (7).
 - Black (4).
 - Mass (6).
 - Chrysalis (4).
 - Completely useless (6).
 - Rite (6).
 - Show (5).
 - Join (5).
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 - Tidings (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Implicit, 8 Frey, 10 Document, 11 Repeated, 13 Free, 15 Reckless, 19 Treasurer, 21 Star, 22 Rebellious, 23 Carousal, 24 Nest, 27 Suspended, 28 Down: 1 Spout, 2 Heap, 4 Moor, 5 Loud, 6 Clear, 7 Tibbs, 9 Blunt, 10 Cedar, 12 Kiosk, 14 Evolve, 16 Tones, 17 Love, 19 Sack, 20 Arras, 21 Ribs, 22 Band, 23 Len, 24 Duty.

NEW COMMUNIST PEACE PLAN EXPECTED TO BE REJECTED

Conscription In U.S. Proposed

Washington, Feb. 6. The United States House of Representatives Armed Services Committee today approved a bill for compulsory military training for all American males to be followed by a period of seven and a half years in the reserve.

Under the bill, which now awaits approval by the full House of Representatives, men would be called up for six months' training soon after reaching 18 and would then go on to the reserve.—Reuter.

POLLING RESULTS AWAITED

London, Feb. 6. Polling is taking place today in two bye-elections at Southport and Bournemouth East—where the Conservative Members, Mr. R. S. Hudson and Mr. Brendan Bracken respectively, were raised to the Peerage.

The Southport result will be declared tonight. Three candidates will fight for the Southport seat and four for Bournemouth East.

The three candidates at Southport are Mr. R. F. Heskeith (Conservative), Mr. Alan Tiltman (Labour), and Mr. H. D. Bentliff (Liberal). Mr. Bentliff fought the seat unsuccessfully at the General Election in October.

The figures at the General Election were: R. S. Hudson (Cons) 30,388, H. O. Ellis (Lab.) 12,535, Bentliff (Liberal) 7,576.

The candidates at Bournemouth East are: Nigel Nicholson (Conservative), R. D. Rees (Labour), J. C. Holland (Liberal) and S. Kermode (Independent). Mr. Holland contested the division at the General Election.

The figures at the General Election were: Brendan Bracken (Cons) 29,130, H. J. Barnes (Lab.) 11,550, J. C. Holland (Liberal) 5,339.—Reuter.

East Indies C-in-C

London, Feb. 6. Vice-Admiral W. R. Slayter has been appointed Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Station, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey N. Oliver, the Admiralty announced tonight. He will take up his new duties early in August, 1952.—Reuter.

Munsan, Feb. 7. The United Nations Command today was expected to reject a new Communist peace plan which ignored South Korea and injected Formosa and other explosive issues into final settlement of the Korean war.

The Reds on Wednesday called for a high level political conference within 90 days after an armistice is signed to settle all Asian problems related to peace in Korea.

Unanimous Vote On Japanese Peace Pact

Washington, Feb. 6. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted unanimously today for ratification of the Japanese peace treaty and three related security pacts.

At the same time it acted to make clear that approval of the peace pact would not imply recognition of any Soviet Russian claims against Japan arising from the Yalta conference in 1945.

The diplomatic agreements forming the foundation of the Administration's policy in the Pacific now go before the full Senate for final action.

In addition to the peace treaty, the State Department has negotiated a chain of security pacts with Australia and New Zealand, the Philippine Republic and Japan.

Chairman Tom Connally (Democrat-Texas) told newsmen that the treaties were approved without reservations by the 13 members of the committee meeting behind closed doors.

He added that non-recognition of Russian claims was expressed in a statement written into the committee's proposed resolution of ratification.

Senator Connally said this statement would not require action by any of the other 48 senators that signed the treaty at San Francisco last September 8. Russia was not a signatory.—Associated Press.

American Aid For Indian Agriculture

Pasadena, Calif., Feb. 6. The Ford Foundation plans to spend millions in India and Pakistan to train industrial workers and improve agriculture, health and literacy in rural villages.

The Trustees announced an initial grant of \$8,550,000. The largest grant is \$1,200,000 for a three-year development programme in Indian villages.

The Foundation hopes to include 5,000 of them in the programme within five years.

Pakistan gets \$1,100,000 for training skilled and semi-skilled industrial workers and \$500,000 to help establish a women's college of home science and teacher training.

Among smaller grants is one for \$85,000 for a community centre in Delhi's Bangli colony, where the late Mohandas Gandhi worked among the untouchables.—Associated Press.

Amnesty Suggestion For Huk Rebels

Manila, Feb. 6. A Liberal member of the House of Representatives filed today a bill providing for complete amnesty for all members of the Communist-led Huk army.

The bill has the support of the Defence Secretary, Mr. Ramon Magaysay, under whose leadership Government forces have been waging relentless warfare on the dissidents, the Defence Department spokesman said.

The bill was filed by Congressman Estanislao Fernandez, of Laguna Province, one of the provinces where the dissidents are active.

Under the proposed legislation President Elpidio Quirino is authorized to grant a full amnesty to all Huk, including the top-ranking dissident leaders Luke Turiso and Jesus Lavea, for whose capture, death or alive the Government has offered substantial prizes.

The Huk would be granted amnesty under the bill provided that they surrendered within a certain period which would be up to Congress to determine.

The surrendering Huk would also be paid for every firearm turned over to the Government.

Mr. Fernandez won Mr. Magaysay's support of the proposed measure in conference today.

Mr. Fernandez said that he had sounded out dissident leaders in Laguna. Provoked and found them willing to accept an amnesty.

The Huk have been fighting the Government for six years but during the past year they have been taking a severe beating from the armed forces.

President Quirino granted an amnesty for the Huk in 1948 but the Huk did not surrender. The failure of the amnesty plan was due to the refusal of the Huk to lay down their arms.—United Press.

There was no official reaction from the United Nations. Vice-Admiral C. Turner Joy accepted the three-point draft recommendations of the Reds for detailed study and said it did not imply concurrence. Then he asked for a recess to scrutinize the proposal.

(General Matthew B. Ridgway, Supreme Allied Commander, was in Korea but the purpose of his visit was not indicated.)

There was no indication when an Allied reply would be ready. Any recommendations to governments concerned must be jointly agreed upon by the Allies and the Communists.

Staff officers were to meet at 11 a.m. today in Panmunjom in still controversial points for prisoner exchange and supervision of a truce.

Solemn-faced North Korean General Nam Il, dressed in full uniform and conservative black boots instead of his flashy white kid boots, unfolded the Red plans for Korea during the 30-minute plenary session of the Armistice Delegations.

His 102-word proposal boiled down to:

"OTHER PROBLEMS"

- A political conference within 90 days after an armistice is signed.
- Withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea to be decided first at the political conference as a pre-requisite to a peaceful settlement.
- Simultaneous solution of other Asian problems related to peace in Korea.

General Nam Il suggested that five UN representatives meet five representatives of the governments of Red China and North Korea to negotiate the final political settlement.

This apparently excluded the government of South Korea from the political conference because the Southern Republic is not a member of the United Nations.

TRUMAN STATEMENT

General Nam Il tied in the explosive Formosa issue without even mentioning it specifically by name. He did so by referring back to a statement by President Harry S. Truman when the Korean war first broke out.

General Nam Il's prepared statement said: "On June 27, 1950, President Truman... publicly connected the war in Korea with other questions of the East and used the Korean war as a pretext for a series of wartime measures in the East. The peaceful settlement of the Korean question calls for simultaneous solution of these other important problems related to the Korean question."

This referred to the President's statement ordering:

- U.S. air and sea forces to give Korean government troops "cover and support";
- The U.S. Seventh Fleet to prevent any attack on Formosa and the Nationalists on Formosa to cease all air and sea operations against the Communist mainland;
- A speed-up of military assistance to the Philippines Government;

The State Department said on Tuesday night that on the basis of the ruling by Attorney General McGrath, the American Consul at Saigon, Indo-China, has been instructed to grant Mr. Greene a visa to visit the United States.

Mr. Greene's application had been held up for three weeks. The novelist had acknowledged in his application that he was a member of the Communist Party during his youth but joined as a prank and paid but 28 cents dues.

The State Department took no action on the application because, officials said, existing laws lay down a policy of barring persons who have been Communists.

Attorney General Howard McGrath ruled that Mr. Greene was eligible despite this. The State Department said, under a section of the law which permits him to make exceptions to its broad policy.

Mr. Greene said in Saigon that he wanted to visit the United States to consult with editors of Life Magazine. He was writing an article on Asia for them. He also wanted to visit Hollywood in connection with the filming of "The End of the Affair."—Associated Press.

BRITAIN'S NEW PRINCE CONSORT



His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, who becomes the new Queen's Prince Consort. It is the first time Britain has had a Prince Consort since Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria.

Ground Being Prepared For New Anglo-Egyptian Negotiations

Cairo, Feb. 6. The Arabic language evening newspaper, Al-Balagh, said today that the Egyptian Prime Minister, Dr. Aly Maher Pasha, and Sir Ralph Stevenson, the British Ambassador, were busy preparing the ground for new Anglo-Egyptian negotiations.

Al Zaman, another evening newspaper, said that the British Government had decided to resume negotiations with Egypt at an early date.

The British Government will not submit definite proposals but will start official talks with an open mind, unaffected by the 1936 Treaty or by previous talks or negotiations, Al Zaman said.

"It is learned that Britain's attitude towards the Sudan has undergone an important change."

The pro-Government Al-Ahram said that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden's, speech on Egypt in the House of Commons yesterday had a "marked conciliatory spirit" but warned: "He must remember that the question of placing Anglo-Egyptian relations upon a firm basis should not be the subject of any bargaining."

Egypt has repeatedly set forth her national demands, the modification of which she will never accept. She will never give up her national struggle until her rights are fully realized.

AMERICAN ROLE

Al-Ahram described Mr. Eden's reference to the Sudan as "unfortunate" and said that Egypt had already suggested the best manner in which the Sudanese might exercise the right of self-determination—an absolutely free plebiscite.

Elsewhere in the same paper it was stated: "America is playing an important diplomatic part in stressing to Egypt and Britain the necessity of prudence."

"America has brought pressure to bear upon Britain to change her policy in the Sudan in a way that meets Egyptian claims in the hope of winning Egypt's membership in the Middle East defence plan."

Al-Misri, the Wafdist paper, expressed "deep regret" that Mr. Eden, instead of declaring his Government's desire to ease the present tension, made a series of claims including payment of compensation.

NEW MINISTERS

The British should show a conciliatory spirit and a genuine desire to reach an agreement with Egypt instead of reverting to their traditional policy of pressure tactics. If the British wish the opportunity that now seems to be offered, they can only thank Mr. Eden.

Dr. Aly Maher Pasha announced tonight the addition of four new Ministers to his all-independent Cabinet, which was formed nine days ago.

They are M. Alphonse Greiss, an agricultural expert who becomes Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Abdel Gellil Ennari Bey, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Supply, Mohammed Aly Rashid Bey, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and Dr. Zohair Garana, Minister of Rural Affairs.

Salla Sagl Pasha, who was appointed Minister of Agriculture when the Cabinet was formed on January 28, now takes over the portfolio of Communications.

Ibrahim Abdel Wahab, who was originally appointed Minister of Commerce and Industry and Supply, now becomes Minister of State attached to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

The names of the four new Ministers have been sent to King Farouk for approval prior to being sworn in.

CAIRO ROUND-UP

A secret investigation is still proceeding to establish who are the people behind the Cairo incidents and the Police are daily rounding up more suspects.

These are in the main people who are believed to have been connected with the January 29 incidents or with the marking of various business firms and houses.

One of the major tasks that the Government is tackling is to restore the confidence of the foreign communities living in Egypt and foreign businesses.

King Farouk, through his chief Royal Cabinet leader, Hafez Afifi, has sent messages to those whose business had been destroyed or damaged.

Prime Minister Maher has issued reassuring statements while last night the Minister of the Interior, Maraghy, announced facilities for residence visas for foreigners.

In London, the British Overseas Airways Corporation announced that they were once more routing their East African services through Cairo, which had been bypassed during the tension there.

The first service calling at Cairo will be those leaving Nairobi on February 8 and leaving London on February 10.—Reuter and United Press.

11 Killed In Rioting

Bogota, Colombia, Feb. 6. The Conservative Party newspaper El Siglo says that four policemen and seven Conservative Party members were killed in a serious riot at the village of Lajas in Magdalena department.

The newspaper said several other persons were injured and 14 houses burned down in the disturbance which started when police attempted to search a dance hall where a carnival was in progress. The dispatch did not add why the search was conducted.—Associated Press.

AMERICA WANTS TO RETALIATE

Washington, Feb. 6. It was disclosed today that the State Department has recommended strict curbs on Russian diplomatic travel in this country and is seeking the necessary approval from other Government agencies to put them into effect.

Observers said that chances for approval were good.

The State Department proposed the move in retaliation for an order handed down in Moscow on January 16, restricting travel by American and other foreign diplomatic personnel in the Soviet Union.

The recommendation will not go into effect until the Defence Department and other interested agencies voiced their opinions.

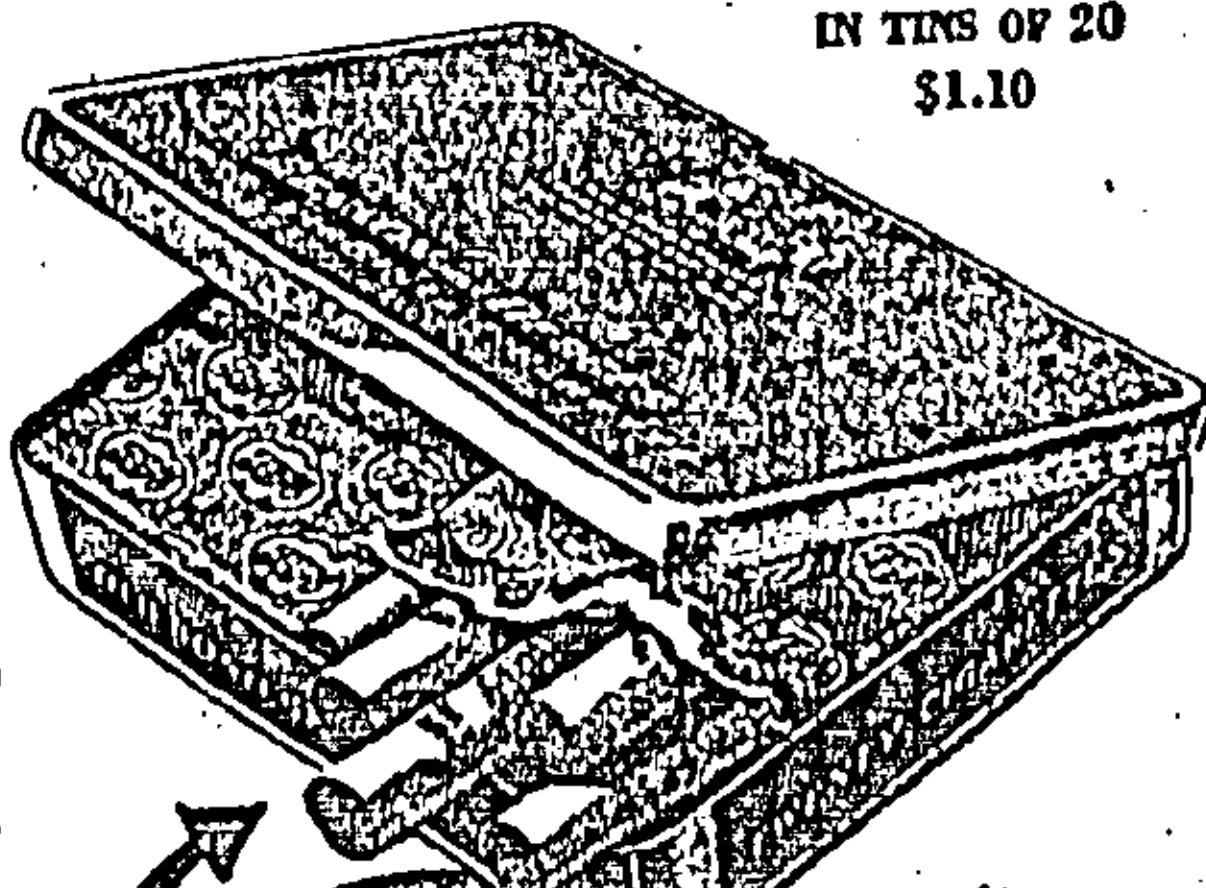
But the State Department's arguments are expected to carry a considerable weight.

The travel control plan favoured by the State Department would require Russian diplomats in the United States to give formal notice of any trip they plan, apart from the nation's capital.—United Press.

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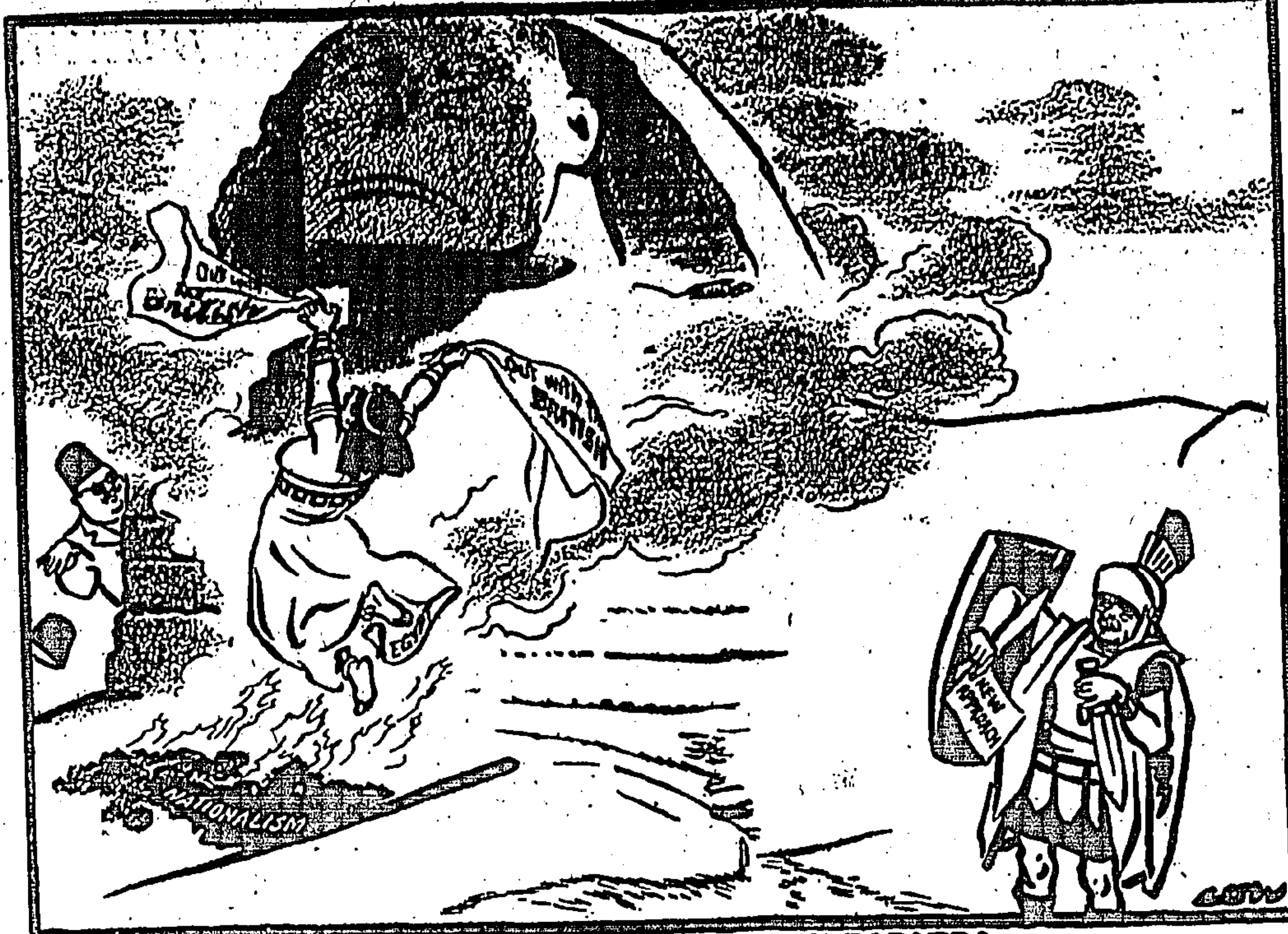
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ORDERS BOOKED

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WATER IS PRECIOUS



TIME FOR ANTHONY TO VISIT CLEOPATRA

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

New York, Tuesday. EVERYBODY seems to have money trouble this week—particularly President Truman. The ballooning Budget scares even the richest Rockefeller.

Every hour during the next fiscal year the United States will spend 10,000,000 dollars under the new Budget. This is a bit too much. If I were an American I would be asking: "Will the United States go broke trying to remake the world?"

A lot of Americans are already asking that. This is a big country, but it is only a small part of the wide world. There are 150,000,000 people here, but they cannot carry hundreds of other millions on their backs indefinitely.

How long can America keep spending 10 million dollars every hour?

My garage man doesn't think they can, anyway. His back is already aching. He sent me a letter yesterday. It said: "Dear Customer.—A strike is extremely probable. The Garage Workers' Union demands 72 dollars (about £25) per week for floor-men, 78 dollars (about £27 10s.) per week for car-washers, and 105 dollars (about £36) per week for foremen. These demands are made despite a seven percent increase given in the spring of 1951. Please bear with us in this emergency. Sincerely, Your Garage Man."

All going up

I AM writing back: "Dear Garage Man,—I will try to bear with you, but I cannot bear to pay more than the £4 per week you are already charging me to garage my car which is very necessary in my work. Sincerely, Your Customer."

Exchanges like this are going on all over the country. The working bloke doesn't particularly want to ask for bigger wages, but what is he to do when the price of everything goes up while he is putting on his overalls?

Many of the visiting British are convinced that this spiral cannot go on soaring for ever and ever. They say: "There's bound to be an end to it—a shattering explosion or a ruinous crash."

Believe me there will be nothing to be satisfied about if the burst ever comes here. There won't be a thin penny or even a counterfeit cent for Europe or Asia or anywhere if depression ever hits the Republic.

Big issue

WHAT single sentence of Mr Churchill's throughout his entire visit provoked the greatest applause? The sentence which read: "I have not come here to ask for money."

And if Mr Churchill cannot attract credit, certainly no one else can. This mystery of the disappearing dollar is going to be one of the biggest issues, if not the biggest, of the Presidential election.

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Their victim

I WENT to the Circus Saints and Sinners luncheon at the Waldorf—Astoria to watch Senator Taft in action.

The Circus Saints and Sinners are a business men's and newspaper men's group who invite public figures as their guests of honour, and then lampoon them in a riotous burlesque to see if they have a sense of humour, and are "regular guys."

At this luncheon there were men made up to look like Senator Taft at his worst—balding, bumbling and goggle-eyed. In one skit there was a "dead body" of Thomas E. Dewey lying on the White House threshold.

Taft, who is accused of not being "human" enough, took it very well. He said: "Governor Dewey said I would get into the White House over his dead body." He called out: "Stimulus and sinners in Russia would meet with dire fate."

He wasn't at all bad and in the foyer young Taft supporters chanted: "Bob, Bob, the President's son, he will run the country as it should be run." Not inspired poetry or deathless prose, but the mob liked it.

And after all the fun and games were over Senator Taft warned that the country faced ruin under President Truman's foreign and fiscal policy.

Well, I don't know about that, but watch Taft carefully—he has a lot of very powerful support.

Lush and lavish

THIS preoccupation with money has even spread to New York City, a lush and lavish town. New York's budget director, Thomas Paterson, has resigned after announcing that the city was broke.

Mayor Impellitteri vehemently denied this. "The city is not broke. The city's financial condition and credit are in excellent shape." Both men cannot be right.

Later, budget director Paterson said he hadn't meant "broke" in the literal sense. "We use that word to indicate only that the city's finances are not too plentiful, and that we are near the borderline that calls for caution."

Despite the nearly empty kitty New Yorkers are still talking about Mr Churchill. In fact, they cannot stop talking about him.

And yet some fatheads in Senator Robert Alphonso Taft's England are asking if the Churchill trip was a success.

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Unfortunately the new No. 1 World Power hasn't yet got it into its head that the Suez Canal is an international waterway, and therefore an international responsibility, not just Britain's headache and heartache.

We must be patient—the United States is moving fast. And it has plenty to think about, what with people going around wearing buttons marked "I Like Ike," "Stand with Stassen," "Elect Kefauver President," and "Bob's Your Uncle, Vote for Taft."

Women's hour

BRITISH women dominate this week's new plays—Glynis Johns appearing, for the first time on the American stage in David Bagin's "Gertie," and Edna Best due to open in S. N. Behrman's "Jane." I defer a verdict until I have seen them.

Hollywood is interested in Sir Alan Herbert's new book, "Number Nine or the Mind Sweepers."

This is A. P. Herbert hilarious and delightfully scrawling. My best wishes, Alan, that it tops the best sellers.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Charles Laughton, Charles Boyer, and Agnes Moorehead will do another dramatic reading on the stage and before the television cameras—probably of "The Cocktail Party" following the success of their scenery-less "Don Juan in Hell."

Audrey's choice

AUDREY HEPBURN, doing so well in "Gigi," says: "I want to get married. I think it's a great waste of time not to be married to James."

James is James Hutton, son of Robert Hutton, of London. They'll be married when the run of "Gigi" ends, but if the play runs too long they'll get married, anyway.

Audrey Hepburn—no relation to Katharine—is assured of stardom in Hollywood. I hope she will not desert London completely.

Two Englishmen, Ronald Colman and Claude Rains, plan tours of American colleges, making dramatic readings of the classics. It seems that everybody here has to be read to, instead of curling up in a corner and reading for themselves.

Many actresses are said to have photographic minds—not very developed.

Footnote: Let's hope the new Budget doesn't tax America's strength.

WHAT'S GOING ON

'KON-TIKI' leader makes a fortune

LONDON. WHEN THOR HEYERDAHL sailed with five companions 4,300 miles on a raft across the Pacific he had one object: to test a scientific theory.

His raft, built on legendary principles, seemed to modern designers to be suicidal. But he succeeded.

Now, at 36, he finds he has made a fortune in three years. "If it were not for income tax I should be a millionaire," he says.

His book, "The Kon-Tiki Expedition," has sold more than 60,000 copies, bringing him about £70,000 in royalties so far.

He is likely to earn another large sum from the film of the journey, which he photographed with a small cinecamera.

The film, in which Heyerdahl has a percentage share, is expected to earn £800,000 in America alone. It will soon be shown in Britain.

BUT fame and fortune have made little difference to Heyerdahl's way of life. For some time he has lived in seclusion in two boarding-house rooms near Stockholm writing an 800-page scientific book.

He works 14 hours a day. Soon he will motor to Spain for a holiday. On his way back he will visit London.

And what of his five companions in adventure? I am told Heyerdahl has been generous to all of them.

Title for sale

DO you want to buy a 300-year-old Spanish title?

In Madrid 21-year-old MARCHIONESS LAS SALINAS has been given authority to sell her title to "any well-to-do man or woman of gentle birth."

She says: "I have a secretary's job and I feel the title isn't proper."

They like Alex.

IN five years FIELD-MARSHAL VISCOUNT ALEXANDER has become the most popular Governor-General Canada can remember.

He has ploughed furrows at farm festivals, sold down brass poles at fire stations, driven trains through the Rockies and fought fires in Nova Scotia.

Candies recall the way he made his own maple sugar, and drove around in an old car, a gift from GENERAL EISENHOWER.

GERMANY MAY RUN AIRLINES

By James Stuart

GERMANY may be operating her own air services by the summer. The question of allowing Western Germany to come back into aviation is being considered as part of the general treaty now being negotiated between the Allied High Commission and the Bonn Government.

One report from Frankfurt says that the Germans may start their air services on April 1.

Herl Achenauer's Government have had the draft of the Allied proposals for about a month.

One thing is certain: Germany will not be allowed to build her own airlines, and her airlines will use foreign aircraft, probably British or American or both.

At present the German international air services are operated by British, European Airways and Pan-American Airways.

When, after the war, Italy was allowed to resume airline operations, British and American airlines held a considerable interest in the Italian lines and undertook a good deal of the operational work.

Some similar arrangement may be used to help Germany.

His sons Shane and Brian want to settle in Canada. "I don't blame them," says father.

Cripps tapestry

IN Zurich Clinic LADY CRIPPS is reading to her husband from TOM JONES' life of LLOYD GEORGE.

Meanwhile, SIR STAFFORD has started tapestry work. He is making a stool cover.

HE is also writing many letters—something he has not done for a long time. Among the New Year messages he received was one from Mr Churchill.

Lady Cripps said: "Sir Stafford (who is suffering from a spinal infection) is very much better, but he has a long way still to go. We need patience."

Sailing two ways

MR CHURCHILL, once First Lord of the Admiralty, presented a model of the Mayflower to PRESIDENT TRUMAN. It had certain distinctive features.

The sails filled out against an imaginary wind. But the ensigns were being blown the opposite way.

No-Khan-do

THOUGH he was born on November 2, 1877, the AGA KHAN chooses his own special birthdays for his followers.

The first this year was due but it was postponed. "He doesn't want a birthday just now," said a secretary.

As of old

BY custom the family servants sat in the front pews of the Russian Church at Cannes when PRINCE NICHOLAS ROMANOFF, descendant of Czar Nicholas II, married MARIA KELLER GHERARDESCA.

Behind sat some of Europe's old royalty. The bride walked round the church three times and then gave pieces of her veil to relatives—according to the tradition of centuries.

Mighty feasting

FOUR Britons have just returned home from the hospitable Lebanon.

They are MPs DR REGINALD BENNETT, MONTY MOLLATH, and GEORGE BROWN, along with RICHARD WILLIAMS-THOMPSON, ex-Government public relations officer.

THEIR host, Lebanese oil millionaire EMILE BUSTANI, has eight planes and 100 British cars.

With his red-haired wife LAURA and a 12-year-old daughter, he lives in a modern palace near Beirut.

The four were also entertained by the SHEIKH OF KUWAIT, who has an income of £50,000,000 a year from oil on the Persian Gulf.

They attended four ceremonial feasts at which 200 sheep and 400 chickens were eaten.

Ephraim Hardcastle

What Is Wrong With Oxford Rowing?

Asks **EDGAR TOMLIN**

In a few weeks' time, on March 29, the Boat Race will be with us again. Those of us who make a study of rowing at Oxford and Cambridge are convinced that the result of this race profoundly influences the fortunes of the sport at each University for the rest of the season.

Cambridge is now in high esteem. The magnificent crew with which she won the Boat Race last year, its victorious tour in the United States, and the achievements of her college crews at Henley last summer all emphasise, perhaps unduly, the virtual eclipse of Oxford as a powerful factor in the rowing world today.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Order by Comm. D. W. MacIntosh, C.M.G., O.B.E., C. St. J. Commissioner of St. J.A.B., Hongkong District Order No. 0/52 dated February 7, 1952.

Ambulance Duties — Hongkong: 10.2.52 to 10.2.52, Confucius Division: 17.2.52 to 23.2.52, Kennedy Town K.F. Division.

Ambulance Duties — Kowloon: 11.2.52 to 17.2.52, Mong Kok Division: 10.2.52 to 16.2.52, Kwong Wah and Tai Po Divisions.

Ambulance Duties — Saturday, February 10, 1952, H.K.Y.M.C.A. and Motor Transport Divisions.

Penetration Squad Duties — Penetration Squad will not go out on February 10, 1952.

Football Duties — Hongkong: Saturday, February 9, 1952 at 2 p.m. Navy Ground, Confucius Division, Sunday, February 10, 1952 at 3.30 p.m. Club Ground, Chung Sing Division, Wednesday, February 13, 1952 at 2 p.m. Club Ground, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Division, S.C.A. Division, Wanchai, Kowloon Division, Saturday, February 9, 1952 at 2 p.m. Boudary St. Ground, Talmahast Divisions.

Unveiling of Memorial — Wanchai, Feb. 10, 1952. The Memorial to those of the Brigade who fell in the War will be unveiled by the Commissioner-in-Chief, Lt. General Sir Otto Lund, KCB, DSO, Kt., St. J., at 12 noon on Sunday, February 10, 1952.

Joint Ambulance and Nursing Division of the Brigade is invited to send their Divisional Superintendents for A.O. in Charge and four other ranks to represent the Division at the unveiling, and if they wish to pay a wreath on the day, it is not possible to have a greater number of representatives from the Division owing to the restriction of space.

Transport will be available to convey Divisional representatives from the South China Athletic Association Ground directly after the Parade on Sunday, February 10, to the site of the Memorial.

Immediately after the March Past and the unveiling of the Memorial, the Ground Divisional contingents for the Unveiling Ceremony will fall in as quickly as possible in front of the South China Athletic Association Pavilion on the Ground and be prepared to board transports immediately after the end of the Memorial.

The order of proceedings will be:—A. Personnel arrive; disembark from transports as quickly as possible and take up positions. B. Arrival of the Commissioner-in-Chief and suite; parade called to attention. C. Commissioner-in-Chief greets and unveils the Memorial. D. Mr. A. Arculli reads the names of the fallen. E. Bugle sounds the 2 minutes silence. F. Bugle sounds the Last Post. G. Wreaths are laid first by the Commissioner-in-Chief; secondly, and simultaneously, by the Commissioner-in-Chief of the Hong Kong Police Force. H. Coats of arms of the Council of the Order in Hong Kong. I. Commissioner-in-Chief leaves. K. General laying of wreaths by individuals, and by the representatives of the Divisions.

Arrival of the Commissioner-in-Chief—All Patrons, Senior Officers, and Corps Sergeants are invited to be present at Queen's Pier at 2.30 a.m. on Friday, February 8, 1952, on the arrival of the Commissioner-in-Chief, Lt. General Sir Otto Lund, KCB, DSO, Kt., St. J.

Annual Parade and Inspection 1952.—The Brigade will be inspected on Sunday, February 10, 1952, by the Commissioner-in-Chief, Lt. General Sir Otto Lund, KCB, DSO, Kt., St. J., at Caroline Gardens, Kowloon.

Divisions will fall in by Corps on the Sookumpoo Road at 8.30 a.m. Sharp. B. Corps Commanders will collect attendance lists from Divisions of his Corps and report to Corps Superintendents. No transport before 9.45 a.m. Uniforms of all male Officers and male ranks must be in khaki. D. Medals must be worn. E. All medals and decorations must be well polished. F. Cane will be carried by the Commissioner and the O.C. only. G. All Contingents should inspect their ranks before marching into the Parade Ground. H. All ranks should stand at attention during the inspection, demonstration, presentation and C. in C's address. I. Water bottles and canteens will not be carried on Sunday next, February 10, at Brigade Parade and Inspection, except by these members who are taking part in the First Aid Demonstration. J. The members taking part in the Demonstration and Inspectors with the respective stretchers, etc., which are to be used, and will do their duty in the Parade Ground. K. The Parade will be led off the Inspection Ground and will be dismissed.

Representative Attending the Unveiling of Memorial—Soon after the parade, representatives of Divisions should fall out immediately when they reach Sookumpoo Road and hurry up to catch the "transports" which will convey them to the site of the Memorial. H.K.Y.M.C.A. Corps Superintendents.

Oxford's fortunes are low. Lose the Boat Race, and Henley results will re-echo that defeat. Lose the Boat Race several times running, throw in a fiasco which finds the Oxford boat sinking within three minutes of the start, and, argue how you will, reasons for her decline are evident enough.

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TRAINING FOR THE GAMES



Dorothy Turnbull (top), Argentine Breast Stroke Champion, and Pamela Utting, English Southern Counties Breast Stroke Champion, are training together for the Olympic Games at the Sutton Baths.

RACING IN BRITAIN IS ON A DANGEROUS 'DRIFT' TO RUIN

Says **RICHARD BAERLEIN**

The Jockey Club set up a reorganisation committee during the war "to consider the whole future of racing in general and in particular with reference to the encouragement of owners and the greater comfort and convenience of the public."

Whatever the result, they have certainly not left their mark on the game, and the time has now come when the setting up of such a committee again could do nothing but good. There is proof every day of the need for action.

When the publicity on doping had reached its height I was astounded at the number of readers who were quite satisfied with the way racing was run today.

These people do not realise that if racing continues to drift along its present lines there will be hardly any owners, few trainers and no paying public in a very few years. It is far better to begin to put the house in order before the crash than to wait until it is too late.

A BAN

A government might one day come to power and say, in effect: "Racing is a sport employing well over half a million people on a non-productive occupation when labour is short; the rationing of 20,000 daily by horses is eaten into daily by horses in training alone, and we feel justified in banning the sport until the national position justifies a change."

At the moment we can point to the income of foreign currency obtained for selling our bloodstock abroad—running into several million pounds; the relaxation offered to thousands daily on the race track and the interest offered to millions by the greatest sport combined with industry in the world today.

But a national emergency excuses many measures, and it is to meet such an emergency that I wish to see a racing committee set up.

They could interview every one interested in the sport who could help in any way to provide solutions for the many problems confronting racing.

The high rate of entertainment tax, difficulties of owners, wages, doping and pulling of horses, unsatisfactory catering arrangements and thousands of other problems, could be improved, if not cured, by a round-table conference.

The rich business-man who came into racing after the war to take the place of the old inherited owner-breeder is disappearing as fast as he came into the game.

TAX GATHERING

Where are the owners to come from when people no longer have any capital on which to live. Everyone agrees that the entertainment tax, as applied to racing, is grossly unfair, but there appears to be no possibility of a change.

Therefore, it is no use complaining about it any more. A means must be found to minimise its effect.

Let racing become a tax-gathering instrument for the Government on a great scale, and the sport, combined with the export business and its entertainment value, it would more than justify its existence.

The sport cannot become a really efficient tax-gatherer until all moneys spent or invested in the sport pass through the controlling body, and this position cannot be obtained without Government aid.

—(London Express Service)

Japanese May Be Invited To Play In England

Bombay, Feb. 6.

The English table tennis authorities here for the World Championships are understood to be contemplating inviting the victorious Japanese Corbillion Court women's team to participate in the English Championships at Wembley next month.

According to one official: "Nothing is concrete, and he said that for one thing it is not possible to parley with the Japanese officials here as they have not the requisite authority to conduct such negotiations. He added: 'Many problems have first to be solved, finance not being the last' among them."—Reuter.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 5 Orders by Colonel L. T. Hido, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal H.K. Defence Force, Dated February 5, 1952.

Force Headquarters
Depot Training, Squad No. 1, 2, 3 and 4—Monday Feb. 11, 1952. (a) Programme: 8.30 a.m. Drill, Stripping and Assembling, LMG, Ammunition and Holding, (b) Parade, LMG at 8.45 a.m. (c) Dress, Clean Fatigue (Overall) Rule, (d) Parade, 9.15 a.m. (e) Parade, 9.30 a.m. (f) Parade, 9.45 a.m. (g) Parade, 10.00 a.m. (h) Parade, 10.15 a.m. (i) Parade, 10.30 a.m. (j) Parade, 10.45 a.m. (k) Parade, 11.00 a.m. (l) Parade, 11.15 a.m. (m) Parade, 11.30 a.m. (n) Parade, 11.45 a.m. (o) Parade, 12.00 a.m. (p) Parade, 12.15 a.m. (q) Parade, 12.30 a.m. (r) Parade, 12.45 a.m. (s) Parade, 1.00 a.m. (t) Parade, 1.15 a.m. (u) Parade, 1.30 a.m. (v) Parade, 1.45 a.m. (w) Parade, 2.00 a.m. (x) Parade, 2.15 a.m. (y) Parade, 2.30 a.m. (z) Parade, 2.45 a.m. (aa) Parade, 3.00 a.m. (ab) Parade, 3.15 a.m. (ac) Parade, 3.30 a.m. (ad) Parade, 3.45 a.m. (ae) Parade, 4.00 a.m. (af) Parade, 4.15 a.m. (ag) Parade, 4.30 a.m. (ah) Parade, 4.45 a.m. (ai) Parade, 5.00 a.m. (aj) Parade, 5.15 a.m. (ak) Parade, 5.30 a.m. (al) Parade, 5.45 a.m. (am) Parade, 6.00 a.m. (an) Parade, 6.15 a.m. 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Sails	Arrives
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"BENCRACHAN"	Japan	20th Apr.

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SHIPS	TO	LEAVING
"BENAVON"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe	24th Feb.
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"BENATON"	Avonmouth, London & Hamburg	23rd Mar.
"BENLEDI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe	4th Apr.
"BENCRACHAN"	Direct to Singapore, thence London & Hull	20th Apr.
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The Ladies' Festival

arranged for Friday,

February, 8, is postponed.

Souvenir Caused A Rumpus

London, Feb. 6.
Hull police have become the owners of a 2lb. souvenir shell which, after being used as a door stopper and a paper weight of a house for 10 years, suddenly showed a spark of life.

When a Hull woman, knocked the souvenir from the mantelpiece in her son's bedroom, there was a small report, a flash and a wisp of smoke.

Terrified she fled downstairs, expecting the explosion at any moment. She waited two hours and then called a neighbour to fetch the police to dispose of an unexploded bomb.

The policemen asked the woman to show them where the bomb was, but she refused to go anywhere near the bedroom.

The officers went alone. They found the shell on the bedroom floor.

After studying the shell a police sergeant picked it up and underneath was the explanation—a spent match head.

The shell had fallen on to the match and ignited it. The shell itself was harmless.

Remember Lot's Wife

London, Feb. 6.
Major-General B. K. Young, director-general of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, told a pleasant story when he launched the Society's "More Courtesy" campaign for 1952.

A schoolmistress giving a road safety lecture advised the children never to look back when crossing a road. "Remember what happened to Lot's wife," she said. "She looked back and turned into a pillar of salt."

Whereupon an urchin jumped up and said: "Please, teacher, was out driving with Mummy last week. She looked back and turned into a telegraph pole!"

Mr Billmeir Nets Himself A Million In Shipping Deal

London, Feb. 6.
A shipping deal brings in £1,422,000 tax-free for 50-year-old Mr Jack Albert Billmeir. It is part of a £2,320,000 cash share out to be made to shareholders in his Stanhope Steamship Company.

The money comes from selling 11 of the company's black-and-red "Stan" boats with a blue "B" for Billmeir on the funnels.

Mr Billmeir collects his £1,422,000 from his 980,730 shares, the biggest holding in the company. It represents 20s. a share.

His wife, Annie Margaret, a director of Stanhope, collects £110,000 on her 80,000 shares. For each share in the company, shareholders are also to get one share worth £1 in a new Stanhope Steamship Company. This will take over the remaining seven "Stan" boats.

HIS FORTUNE

So in the end Mr Billmeir's shipping fortune in cash and shares adds up to £2,402,000. He started in shipping as an 18-a-week office boy in a London ship-broker's office two months before his 14th birthday. His ambition—to be a shipowner.

The Spanish Civil War in 1937 made him. He bought 23 old ships and ran the Franco blockade with them with supplies for the Spanish Republican Army.

His ships made Page One news, with such dauntless skippers as Captain "Potato" Jones.

His hobby is sailing in his 193-ton motor yacht Aronia. He is the Commodore of the Royal Southampton Yacht Club. His home is at Eistead, Surrey. It is a modest establishment for a millionaire.

PI-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS

Manila, Feb. 6.
Foreign Office sources said that there would be no meeting today of Philippines and Japanese reparations negotiators but that their third session might take place tomorrow or Friday. The two negotiating teams have met twice thus far—last Monday and the Monday before last—United Press.

Band Leader Shot During Circus Act

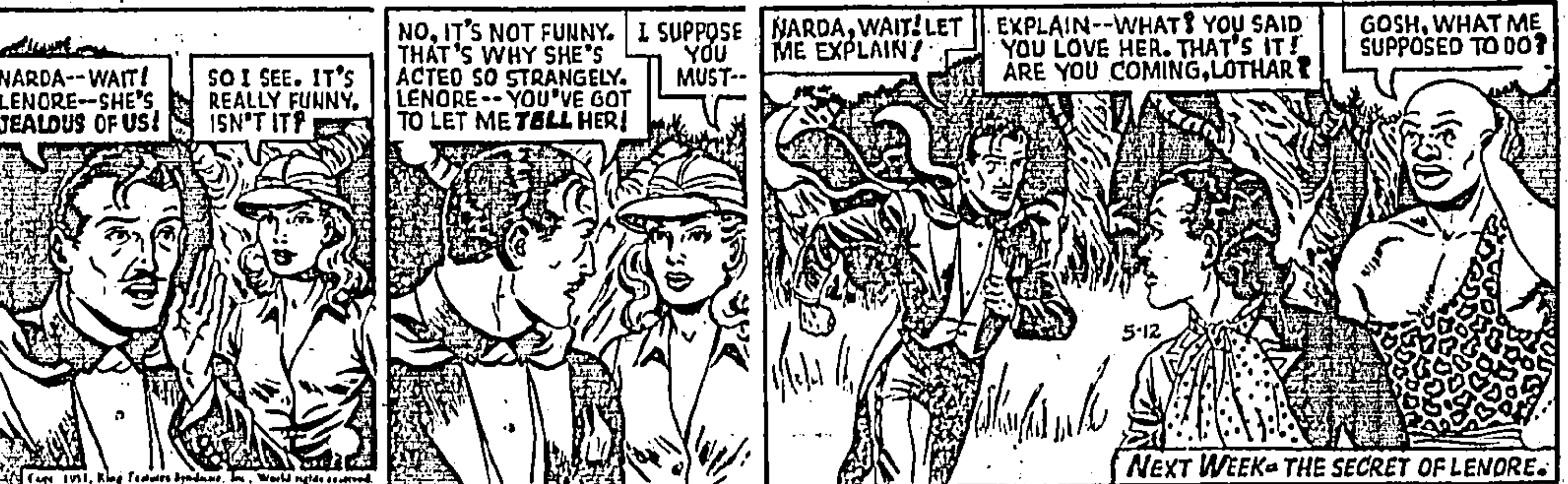
London, Feb. 6.
Two plain-clothes police officers sat in front seats at Parkin's Circus in Birmingham's Bingley Hall to watch a shooting act after the circus's band leader had been shot in the leg by a ricocheting bullet in the afternoon performance.

The police officers will report on the accident and any danger there may be in the shooting act.

Captain L. A. Phayre, general manager of the circus, has suspended the part of the act in which the accident occurred until special guards can be made. The act is that of Cherokee Indian chief Eagle Eye, who does sharp-shooting with rifle and pistol. When the accident occurred—he was lying—backwards on a chair to fire a 22 repeating rifle over his shoulder. But the chair collapsed and the gun went off. The bullet ricocheted into the band. The band leader, Mr James Harrison, 48, was taken to hospital, where he is detained.

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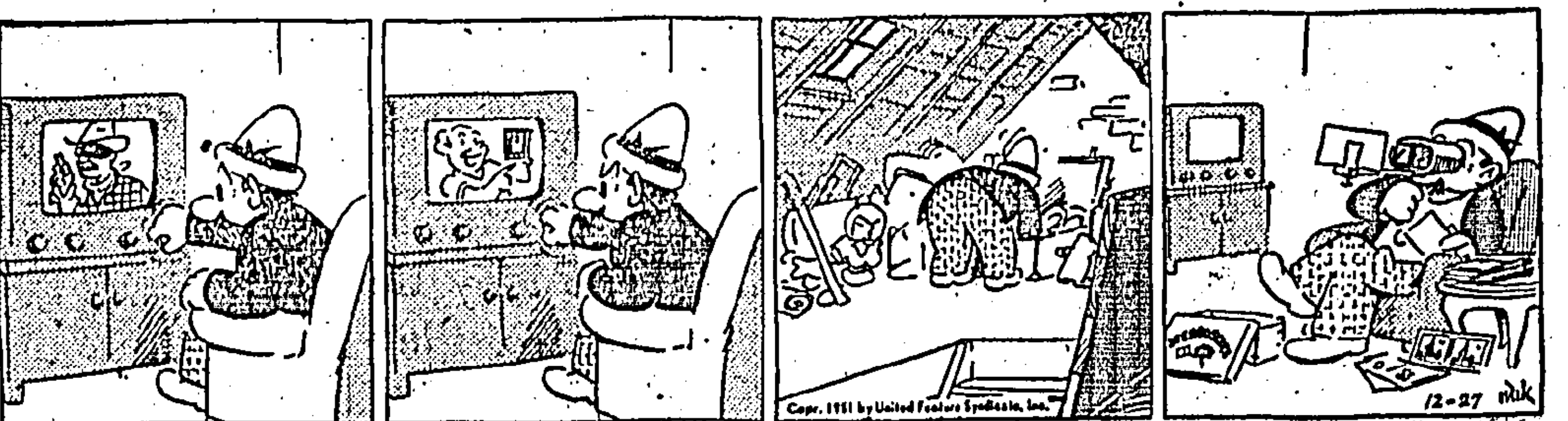
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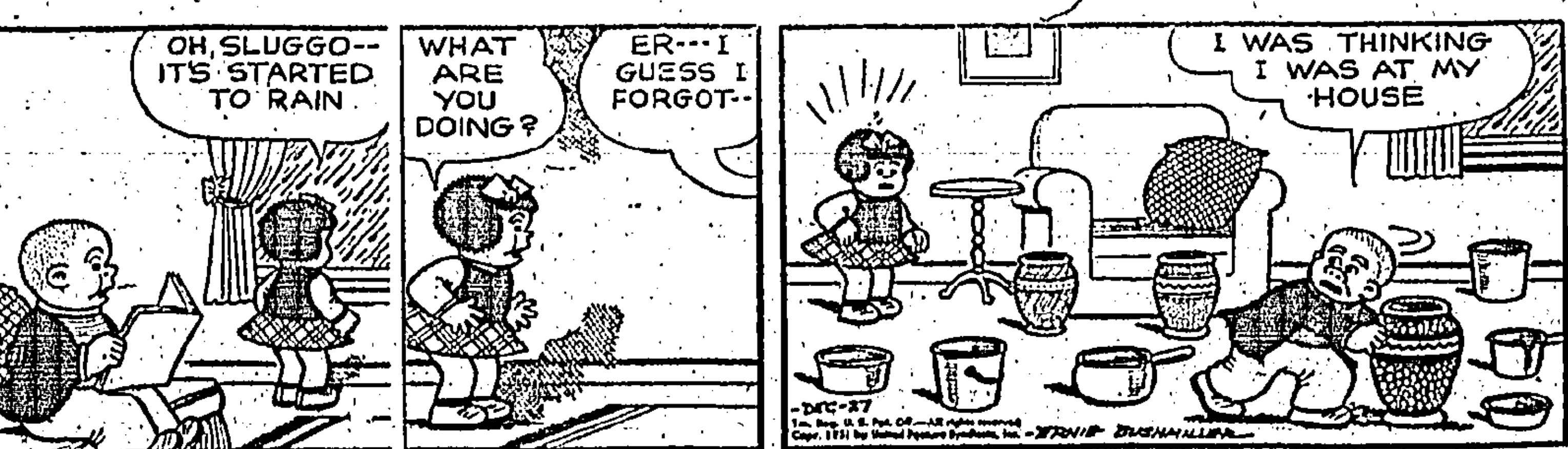
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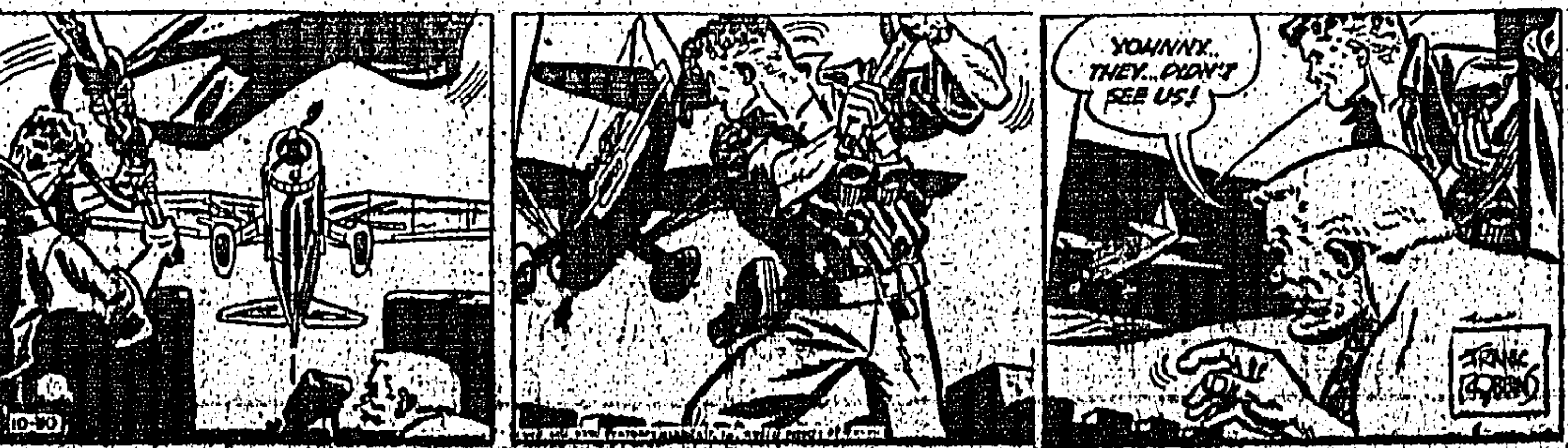
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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CARTILAGE"	15th February	17th March
"CIUSAN"	22nd February	22nd March
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"CANTON"	11th April	12th May

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Outwards	Due Hongkong	From
"SMILLONG"	10th February	London & Continent
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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	For
"SUODAN"	15th February	London & Continent

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Wife In Car Falls 300ft Over Pass

London, Feb. 6.
A husband and his wife were descending the Horseshoe Pass, Llangollen, when their car mounted the kerb, dropped into a field below, then plunged 300ft. into the valley beneath. The Deputy Chief Constable of Denbighshire announced that as a result of the incident, 25-year-old Terence William Harrison will appear in court at Llangollen accused of the attempted murder of his wife, Christine, aged 20, a native of Gisborne, New Zealand. The police gave Harrison's address as c/o Wheatthill Farm, Uppington, Wellington, Shropshire. The couple arrived there from New Zealand in September and lived in a caravan on the farm. The crash occurred on the night of November 25. Mrs. Harrison, who had head injuries, has left hospital.

And Robert Pedals On

London, Feb. 6.
A young man rode into Gloucester on a cycle with 14 rear lights, two hooters, two mirrors, a Stars and Stripes flag and a car speedometer. Robert MacArthur, who is 20 and comes from Florida, was on the last lap of a seven-month tour of Britain. His cycle had a radio mast too—but no radio. He said that he had bought a horse to pedal a bike like this, he said. He has cycled 50,000 miles since he was 16, and once made a 10,000-mile tour of the United States and Canada. He has been in hospital with exhaustion, says the Times.

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America Aiming
At Increase
In Sugar Prices

Washington, Feb. 6.

The Government has firmly dismissed the protests of industrial users of sugar and again forcefully declared that its main objective is higher raw and refined sugar prices.

The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Charles Brannan, condemned present sugar prices as injurious to domestic producers and voiced fear that unless they go up, mainland beet and cane farmers will switch to other crops.

Mr. Brannan set forth his views in a written reply to the complaining representatives of 15 sugar-consuming industries. They wrote him protesting his effort to engineer a recovery of sugar prices.

"We are confronted," Mr. Brannan replied, "with prices which are injuring domestic producers and may bring about further serious cuts in domestic production. Our present problem, therefore, is to obtain sugar prices which will, to use the language of the Act, 'fairly and equitably maintain and protect the welfare of the domestic sugar industry'."

The Secretary said: "I am sure you recognize that the Sugar Act cannot be administered on a one-sided basis."

He defended his 7,700,000 tons ceiling on 1952 sugar marketings here and the 400,000 ton "negative allowance" he made as a "price stimulus" in determining upon that figure.

Mr. Brannan said: "Apparently your letter was prepared prior to the time you learned that sugar distribution in 1951 fell to 7,652,000 tons. Obviously you did not anticipate at the time you wrote your letter that the price of raw sugar in the domestic market would fall to \$5.70 per 100 pounds or that the price of refined sugar would continue to decline to the present levels ranging from \$3.15 to \$7.58 per 100 pounds."

DRASTIC SITUATION

"In meeting the drastic situation of last year domestic prices were held down to levels which failed to maintain domestic production."

Mr. Brannan blamed that situation for the 400,000 tons decline in the 1951 beet sugar production and indicated that he felt it also caused a small but significant shrinkage in the Louisiana cane crop.

"A year ago the price of refined sugar was \$5.25 per 100 pounds and the price of raw sugar ranged from \$5.00 to \$5.25

BURMESE IN A DILEMMA

U.S. Gold
Stocks
Increase

New York, Feb. 6.

United States gold stocks have been increasing at a fast pace in recent months but this may be only a temporary interval in the gradual restoration of the international payment balance, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The Reserve Bank, in its monthly review of credit and business conditions, pointed out that the outflow of gold from the United States which followed the general currency readjustments of September 1949 came to an end in the middle of 1951.

The United States re-acquired in the second half of 1951 a total of \$1,005,000,000, or 30 per cent of the gold it had sold to foreign countries from October 1949 to June 1951.

During January 1952 this country's gold stock rose by \$230,000,000, thus indicating further acquisitions of foreign gold by the United States.

It said: "The general appearance from currently available data, to mark a setback primarily in the international financial position of the United Kingdom and the overseas Sterling Area."

Gold and official dollar holdings of the United Kingdom in December 1951 totalled \$2,335,000,000, compared with \$3,209,000,000 in September and \$3,807,000,000 in June 1951—the loss during the final quarter of 1951 being the highest ever recorded for one quarter.—United Press.

Grain Prices
In Chicago

Chicago, Feb. 6.

Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:-

WHEAT—price per bushel.	
Spot	1.55 1/2 nominal
March	1.55 1/2
May	1.55 1/2-1/4
July	1.55 1/2-1/4
September	1.55 1/2-1/4
December	1.55 1/2

CORN

Spot	1.25
March	1.25 1/4
May	1.25 1/4-1/8
July	1.25 1/4
September	1.25 1/4
December	1.25 1/4

RYE

Spot	1.57
March	1.57 1/4

OATS

Spot	54 1/2-1/4
March	54 1/2-1/4
May	54 1/2-1/4
July	54 1/2-1/4
September	54 1/2-1/4
December	54 1/2-1/4

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Feb. 6.

Cotton futures today closed off 7 to 27 points. Prices closed as follows:-

Spot	42.50
March	42.50
May	42.50
July	42.50
September	42.50
December	42.50

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Spot	41.50
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May	41.50
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Colombo Plan As
An Alternative
To American Aid

London, Feb. 6.

The suggestion that Burma may be steering her way out of the American orbit into the sphere of Commonwealth influence is made in a "Manchester Guardian" special article, which examines Burma's decision to participate in the Commonwealth economic aid scheme for South-East Asia.

The Guardian suggests that Burma's decision to participate in the Colombo Plan was prompted less by her awareness of the intrinsic virtues of the Colombo programme than by her desire to hide her confusion over the changed name of American aid.

Burma has been receiving American economic aid for 16 months through the Economic Co-operation Administration.

But with the end of the E.C.A. any future aid from the United States would be channelled through the Mutual Security Agency—a change, the Guardian remarks, which has a special and unfavourable significance for Burma and certain other countries whose policy is one of neutrality in the struggle between the West and the Communist States.

The Guardian remarks that the reaction of the Burmese Government to the renaming has been sharp and, so far, uncompromising.

The title "mutual security assistance" is taken by the Burmese Government to imply that the future United States help will be part of a mutual military policy in which Burma would be beginning to align herself, in a military sense.

Indications are that, as a consequence, Burma intends to accept Colombo Plan aid in place of E.C.A.'s successor.

E.C.A. CRITICISED

It recalls criticism in Burma at the slow start made by the E.C.A. organisation, when it was said that for months nothing arrived except some medicines and some raw cotton for the new Indian spinning mill. Only a year after signature of the agreement did machinery and material begin to arrive for the much-needed reconstruction of Rangoon port.

Also criticised was the programme of work of the American engineering firm hired by E.C.A. to do an economic survey of Burma.

This survey will cost \$3 millions and half will be paid by the Burmese Government.

It has been stated that one of the first activities of the survey team in Burma was to lend six engineers to supervise the construction of a survey for which 70 Danish experts had already been employed.

One major difficulty with which the E.C.A. team has had to contend has been the unsettled state of the Burmese country, which has prevented agricultural experts and engineers from working in the interior.

STILL NEBULOUS

And where, as in the case of the frontier areas, the country is relatively peaceful and E.C.A. health and sanitation experts might have been expected to have made a satisfactory start, the Burmese defence Department is suspicious of foreigners and will not readily give them permission to go very close to the Chinese border.

The Guardian concludes: "It is thus in a dilemma that Burma has turned towards the Commonwealth."

Burma has nothing like the resources that the United States enjoys, but she has had a longer

experience of dealing with the Commonwealth.

The British wanted to meet the Japanese at Vancouver, halfway between both countries.

But the Japanese said "No," because they cannot spare money for the trip; they have not enough qualified men to represent them; and because it is impossible to do with exporters than producers.

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New Sulphur
Project

Mexico City, Feb. 6.
Mexico plans to double her yearly production of 40,000 tons of native sulphur within the next two years.

The Government oil industry said new sulphur recovery plants in Mexican refineries will account for this increase. Nearly all of Mexico's sulphur is exported since she has no sulphuric acid industry of her own. Retee Canada 600 tons was sent to increase return for a promise to increase newspaper shipment.—Associated Press.

Indonesians
To Accept
Tin Offer

Washington, Feb. 6.

Indonesian officials indicated today that their government has resigned itself to accepting a price of \$1.18 a pound for pig tin delivered in Djakarta.

This was disclosed by sources close to Mr. Darmawan Mangunukusumo, Indonesian Director of Foreign Trade, who is here to head the tin negotiating mission for his country. The Indonesians will meet with representatives of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the sole American tin buyer, within the next few days.

Indonesian sources do not see how their country could possibly get a higher tin rate than that granted to Britain after Mr. Winston Churchill's recent visit to the United States.

The amount of tin under consideration in the Indonesian-American negotiations is somewhat higher than 20,000 tons.

Indonesian sources originally said their negotiators would make their opening bid at \$1.25 per pound, which was the asking price upon which negotiations broke down in Djakarta last December. However, after a conference among themselves today, it is understood that the Indonesians agreed that they eventually would have to come down to the Anglo-American price.

Before doing that, however, the Indonesians will complain that the United States is not giving them equivalent consideration which the British have received.

The American agreement to sell 1,000,000 tons of much needed steel to Britain. What the Indonesians want, according to informed sources, is an American promise that they will get capital goods, such as development machinery, under Commerce Department licence.

American officials said this could not be done.—United Press.

TALKS BEGIN

Washington, Feb. 6.

Negotiations for renewal of U.S. tin purchases from Indonesia began here today when the team of Indonesian negotiators, headed by Mr. Darmawan Mangunukusumo, Director of Foreign Trade, met officials of the R.F.C., which is the sole purchaser of tin imports.

R.F.C. officials said the talks were largely exploratory and may go on a couple of weeks or so.

They said it is still too early to make public any of the substance of the talks, but indicated that reports would be made from time to time on progress of the negotiations.—United Press.

Effects Of
Devaluation
On Trade

Tokyo, Feb. 6.

The devaluation of the Indonesian rupiah will help to adjust the existing ill-balanced trade between Japan and Indonesia, according to Government sources here today.

The Indonesian action will make it much harder for Japan to export goods, particularly cotton textiles, to Indonesia, but will considerably ease Japan's imports from that country.

Government sources said that the step was taken to boost exports and that this will mean that more goods will be flowing into hard currency nations.

On the other hand, exports in goods, particularly cotton cloth, to Indonesia will face more difficulties because Japanese products will have to compete with British cloth.

As of Jan. 20, Japan had a favourable trade balance with Indonesia totaling \$14,000,000—the highest Japan has with any open account nation.—France Press.

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ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

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"TASMAN" Feb. 11th	Japan, Port of Spain, Surinam, Surinam & N. America
"TILUWAI" Feb. 13th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TISADANE" Feb. 16th	Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Deli
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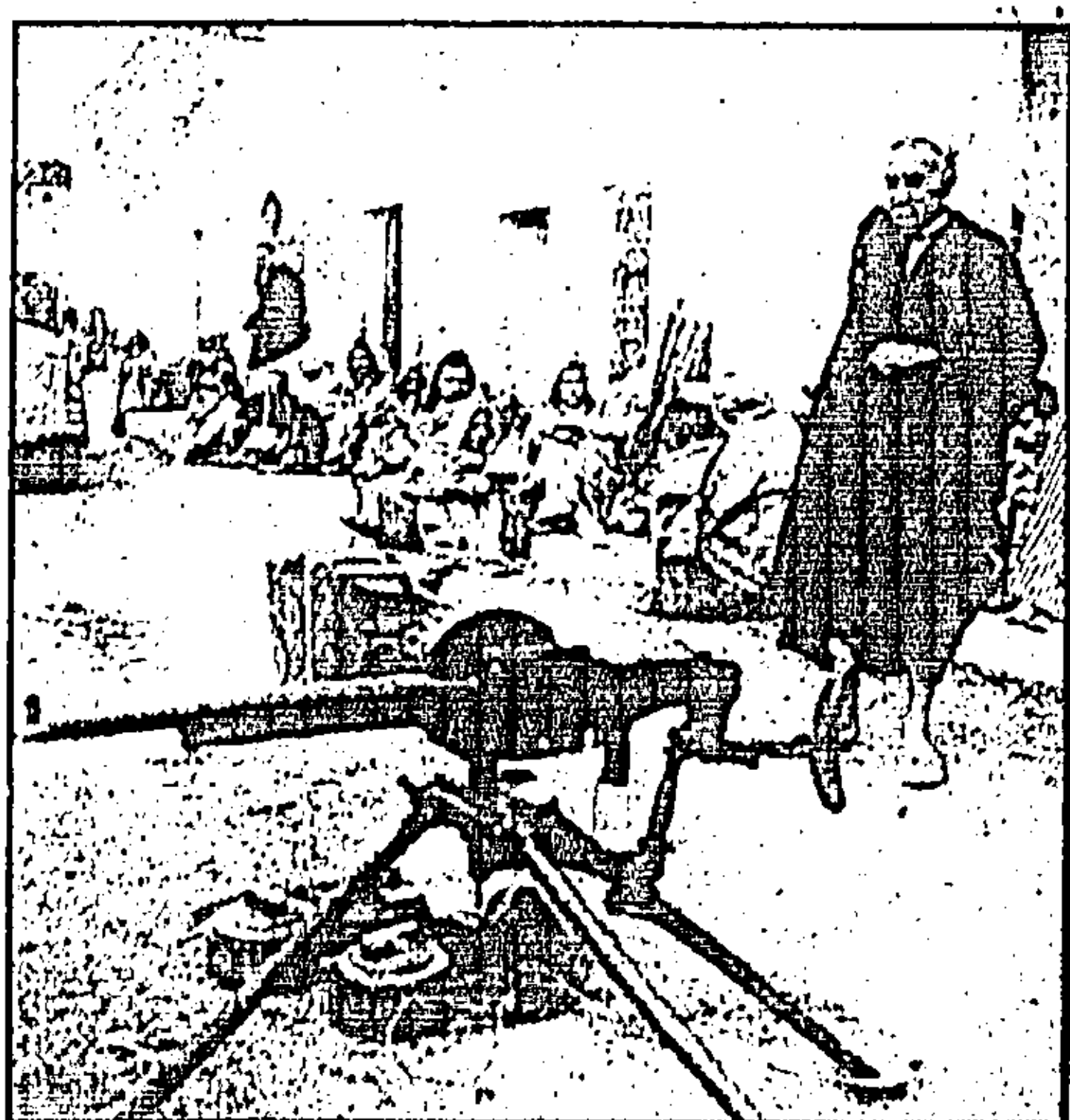
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FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE

In Troubled Tunisia



Inhabitants of the village of Tazerka in the Cap Bon area of Tunisia are shown being guarded outside their homes as French troops comb residences for hidden arms and ammunition. Some of the booty is seen in the foreground as the sullen residents squat under the rifles of the Legionnaires.—France-Press Picture.

King's Death Shocks The World

(Continued from page 1)

death, then began playing solemn music.

In the Indian capital of New Delhi, officials said tomorrow probably would be declared a day of mourning. Prime Minister Pandit Nehru told the Indian Parliament the news was "a surprise and a shock. I am sure the House will deeply sympathise with Her Majesty the Queen, Princess Elizabeth and the people of England with whom the King was so popular."

It is significant in this world of republics how the British Royal House stood firm, not merely in law, but in the affections of the people," Mr. Nehru said.

Parliament suspended tomorrow's session. Italy, visited only last summer by Princess Elizabeth, was saddened at the unexpected news.

The secretary to President Luigi Einaudi, informed of the King's death by the Associated Press, hurried to the private rooms of the President.

Pope Pius was informed by Walter St. C. H. Roberts, British Ambassador, to the Holy See. The Pontiff instructed that a telegram of condolence be sent at once to the King's family.

In Ottawa flags on the Canadian Parliament and other buildings throughout the city were lowered. Aides said Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent was deeply shocked by the news.

In Cairo, flags were lowered over the British Embassy. In Stockholm, King Gustav VI of Sweden was closed for some time to the public with his Earl Marshal preparing formal messages of condolence. It was expected that 21 days of mourning would be proclaimed.

King Haakon of Norway sent a message to Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mother Mary. The Norwegian Storting (Parliament) held a memorial meeting.—Associated Press.

Truman's Tribute

Washington, Feb. 6. President Truman today expressed his deepest sympathy to the British Royal Family and the British people on the death of King George VI.

The President sent three separate messages of condolence to the Royal Family—to Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth and to the new Queen.

The text of the three personal messages was not made public. In an official statement issued at the White House, the President said: "A world personage, who maintained the highest tradition of the English constitutional monarchy, passes in the death of His Majesty King George VI."

From his accession to the throne through all the trials which beset the world throughout the years of his reign—including the most disastrous war in history—he played his part nobly and with full understanding of the responsibility which was his. His

heroic endurance of pain and suffering during these past few years is a true reflection of the bravery of the British people in adversity.

"The King shared to the end of his reign all the hardship and austerities which evil days imposed on the brave British people. In return he received from the people of the whole Commonwealth a love and devotion which went beyond the usual relationship of a King and his subjects."

"My deepest sympathy goes out to the British people. God bless Queen Elizabeth and may her father's exemplary memory provide the courage and inspiration she will need in the great responsibilities that lie before her."

The United States House of Representatives adjourned early today as a mark of respect to the memory of King George VI.

It passed a resolution of sympathy for the British people.—Reuter.

Other Messages

New Delhi, Feb. 6. The President of the Indian Republic, Mr. Rajendra Prasad, tonight sent a message of sympathy to the Queen Mother and a message to Queen Elizabeth in wishing her a long, happy, successful and prosperous reign.

In his message to the Queen Mother, the President, speaking in the name of the Indian people, said that he hoped that she would be given the strength to bear the tragic loss which was shared by the Indian nation.

Prime Minister Shri Nehru sent a message of sympathy to Premier Winston Churchill in which he said that India mourned the death of a sovereign who had made a remarkable contribution to world peace.

French President Vincent Auriol sent a telegram of sympathy following the death of King George VI to Queen Elizabeth and to the King's mother, Queen Mary.

In his message to the mother of the new Queen, President Auriol stated: "In the cruel bereavement which has struck Your Majesty so deeply, Madame Vincent Auriol and myself wish to assure you personally of our deep sorrow and wish to convey our very respectful and affectionate sympathy."

The President's message to the King's mother read: "Painfully struck by the misfortune which has so cruelly befallen Your Majesty, Madame Vincent Auriol and myself express our sorrow and present our respectful sympathy."

General Matthew Ridgway, Commander of United Nations Forces in Korea, tonight sent a message of sympathy to the British Ambassador in Tokyo following the death of King George VI.

SUSPENDED Commons Likely To Adjourn

London, Feb. 6.

The death of the King has suspended Parliament's foreign affairs debate, which was to reach a climax tonight in a Labour motion censuring Mr Winston Churchill for "failing to give adequate expression" to British foreign policy while in Washington.

Official sources here are so far unable to indicate what will now happen to this debate.

These sources said that business in Parliament was likely to be suspended until the King's funeral.

The Saar Question

NEXT MOVE UP TO BONN GOVT

Paris, Feb. 6. A French Foreign Office spokesman said today that it was up to the West German Government to make the next move on the Saar.

He denied Washington reports that France was about to issue a statement.

"France has no intention of making a statement about the Saar situation as there is nothing to add to our previous declarations," he said.

"The Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, told Dr Walter Hallstein, German Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, at the end of January that since his Government wanted a revision of the Saar Statute it was up to the West German Government to put forward workable proposals," the spokesman said.

He added that so far no suggestions had been received from Bonn.

Questioned about the possibility of the Saar being declared "European territory," he replied that such proposals were still at a very tentative stage.—Reuter.

Rubber Mission Plot To A Possibility

Washington, Feb. 6. Mr Warren Lockwood, director of the Natural Rubber Bureau, said today there was a possibility a United States government mission would visit Malaya this year for a first-hand study of rubber production.

Mr Lockwood, whose Bureau represents natural-rubber producers' interests here, said earlier that tentative plans to send such a mission immediately were abandoned because of the meeting of the International Rubber Study group scheduled for May in Ottawa.

State Department officials confirmed that no invitation to visit Malaya had been received. They said they believed the Ottawa meeting would provide adequate opportunity for Malayan producers to talk over problems with U.S. officials.

Mr Lockwood said the possibility of such a mission later in the year would be sounded out at the Ottawa meeting.—United Press.

FISHING JUNK MASTER FINED

A fine of \$100 was imposed on Kwok Hop-hin, licensee, of fishing junk 1014HA, by Mr W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning for illegally installing two petrol engines to his vessel. Defendant's junk was boarded by the Police in Stanley Bay on Tuesday when they found the engines.

Intelligence Test Solution

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The question asked in political quarters was whether, in view of the national mourning, the highly controversial foreign affairs debate might, by mutual consent of the parties, be left over for a time.

Because of the King's death, Parliamentary business this week will be confined largely to the swearing in of the 625 Members of the House of Commons in allegiance to the new Sovereign.

Following tributes to the dead Sovereign—possibly early next week—an adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 10, is considered likely.

It may, therefore, be some weeks before the legislature gets back to the cut and thrust of ordinary politics.

The Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr William Morrison, tonight swore allegiance to Queen Elizabeth.

Opening a meeting of Parliament specially summoned so that Members could take the Oath individually one after the other, the Speaker spoke the solemn Oath: "I swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, her heirs and successors, according to law, so help me God."

Mr Churchill followed. He took the Oath at the table and afterwards signed the Roll. Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, and other Members of Parliament followed.—Reuter.

Plot To Kidnap Eva Peron

Buenos Aires, Feb. 6. Argentine police have arrested more than 100 people in moves which have foiled a plot to kidnap Eva Peron, 29-year-old wife and political right hand of President Juan Peron, and to occupy Government offices in Buenos Aires, usually reliable sources said here today.

The arrests were said to have been made in the last three days. No official information was available, but the Federal Judge in charge of the case, Miguel Rivas Angulo, is expected to issue a statement within the next 24 hours.

Usually reliable sources named up to a score of Army and Navy officers said to be involved in the plot, including former Chief of the General Staff, Lieut. Colonel Francisco Suarez.—Reuter.

Cable Thieves Active

Cable thieves in the New Territories have been active again. Twice within the last 48 hours they have stolen sections of toll cable belonging to the Hongkong Telephone Company in the neighbourhood of Beacon Hill.

The telephone service in the area has been interrupted and will take at least a day to fix. According to an official of the Telephone Company the cable is an important one and very costly and the loss is serious.

The Police are making enquiries.

BBC Changes Programmes

London, Feb. 6. Owing to the death of the King, the overseas service of the British Broadcasting Corporation is devoting 24 hours to solemn music, with special announcements at regular intervals not exceeding 60 minutes.

News bulletins and special announcements will be broadcast as usual. Programmes will not revert to normal until after the funeral.

The European service will broadcast announcements on the King's death, obituary and short news summaries only for the rest of the day.—Reuter.

Commons Query On Hongkong Allowance

London, Feb. 6.

Mr Norman Dods, Labour member for Dartford, asked in the House of Commons today why servicemen posted to Korea from Hongkong who had left families behind in Hongkong had been deprived of the special Hongkong allowance.

The War Secretary, Mr Anthony Head, in a written reply said:

"Unless there is prospect of officers and other ranks who have been posted from Hongkong to Korea being reunited with their families either at Hongkong or another station abroad within six months, families are conveyed home to the United Kingdom at public expense in order that accommodation may be freed to enable other families to rejoin husbands at present serving in Hongkong."

As the tour of duty in Korea is more than six months, this rule has been applied and families who remain in Hongkong after the offer of a passage home do so of their own choice and cease to draw local overseas allowance.

Families are made fully aware of conditions regarding passages and allowances if they should elect to stay in Hongkong.

"I am not prepared to modify this rule," he added.

Questioned by Mr Ian Harvey, Conservative member for Harrow East, about entertainment of troops in Korea, the War Secretary said in the months July to October last year three concert parties from the United Kingdom and one from Australia visited this theatre.

Because of the climate, the Command asked that no parties be sent out between November and February, but exceptionally individual artists gave performances during the last two months of 1951.

During this period a Divisional concert party was also formed and toured the theatre. A specialist was sent out to help this party and to make arrangements for professional parties.

Two 16-millimetre projectors had been provided for each unit of a Lieutenant-Colonel's Command, and an Army Cinema detachment had been formed to help in arrangements for this type of entertainment.

Films were supplied from the United Kingdom by the Army Cinema Corporation and were also obtained from the United States Army.

The Command reported that cinema facilities were satisfactory but that the climate on occasion prevented their full use.—Reuter.

HONGKONG MOURNS THE LATE KING

Hongkong today went into mourning for the late King George VI. Flags everywhere were flown at half-mast, the courts closed and many functions cancelled.

The Chief Justice called the Full Court together this morning and announced that as a mark of respect all courts and magistracies would be closed today.

Sitting with Sir Gerard were the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Scholes.

Sir Gerard said: Mr Attorney, in sorrow we have learned the death of our Sovereign Lord the King, His Majesty King George VI. In respect, all His courts in the Colony do now stand adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Those present were Mr C. d'Almada, Registrar of the Supreme Court; Mr Wm C. Low and Mr C. S. Edwards, Clerks of the Court.

The Acting Attorney General (the Hon. George Strickland, KC), Mr J. Reynolds (Acting Solicitor-General), the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, Mr John McNeill, KC, and Messrs A. Hooton, W. A. Blair-Kerr, M. Morley-John, D.A.L. Wright, S.V.

The Stock Exchange also closed for the day. Tonight's Kowloon Dockers dinner dance, to have been held at the Peninsula Hotel, has been postponed until further notice.

Governor Cancels Engagement

The following statement was issued by the Hongkong Government Public Relations Department this morning:

HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, has cancelled his engagement to attend the Governor's Cup football match at Happy Valley on Sunday.

Lady Grantham has likewise cancelled her engagement to present prizes at the Dog Show on the same day.

Unless the date of His late Majesty's funeral should be arranged for either February 14 or 15, His Excellency will pay his official visit to Macao on these days as already arranged.

So far as the holding of functions generally during the next few days is concerned, Government announces for guidance that it is left to the discretion of the organisers whether to proceed with the functions arranged before the date of His Majesty's death.

Similar discretion is given to the public as to attendance at such functions. Members of Council, the Judiciary, and senior Government officers are likely to cancel engagements other than those for charitable or welfare purposes.

No official functions will be held on the day of the funeral. The University and all Government schools will be closed on that day.

MOURNING REQUEST

Except on the day of the Proclamation of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth (that is, tomorrow, Friday, February 8 in Hongkong) flags will be flown at half-mast on Government House and on all public buildings until after the funeral. On Proclamation Day flags will be flown at masthead as usual.

It will be appreciated if members of the public will wear suitable mourning until after the day of the funeral.

After the funeral, arrangements will revert to normal but His Excellency the Governor and members of his personal staff will not attend purely social public functions during the period of mourning.

An announcement will be made as soon as possible about the holding of Memorial Services.

A salute of 58 guns was fired by ships of the Royal Navy at noon today (Thursday).

HE the Governor has received a telegram from Mr F.B. Gellion, on behalf of British residents in Macao, which reads: "British residents in Macao express profound shock and deepest sympathy for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Royal Family."

Members of the Consular Corps, Foreign Trade Commissioners and leading Chinese and foreign residents in the Colony called throughout the day at Government House to express their sympathy on the death of His Majesty.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Paying a neighbour kid that much for baby-sitting! And I'll bet his father lists him as a dependent!"

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